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Foreword

In 1925, when the American Petroleum Institute set up its original program of fundamental research, one of the projects was assigned to Dr. E. Emmet Reid at the Johns Hopkins University. It dealt with sulfur compounds found in petroleum. Doctor Reid has continued his work in the field of organic sulfur compounds throughout a long and productive career. Today he is a widely recognized authority in this area.

In the early days of petroleum refining in this country sulfur compounds were not a great problem, except for the odor of mercaptans in kerosene and gasoline. The adoption of high-temperature distillation and cracking processes emphasized the corrosive properties of sulfur and its compounds. The detrimental effects of many sulfur compounds on the potency of tetraethyllead added to gasoline arouses deep interest today in the chemistry of sulfur compounds in petroleum.

Organic sulfur compounds occur in practically all living matter, some rather simple, e.g., the protective fluid ejected by *Mephitis mephitica*, others quite complex, such as most proteins. The synthesis and uses of these essential organic sulfur compounds is a broad field that is seldom touched by the average organic chemist. Without this treatise the researcher in the field of organic sulfur compounds would need to spend many additional hours searching the literature for essential data.

The appearance of this work by Doctor Reid at this time is, therefore, particularly timely. Everyone interested in the refining of petroleum, as well as those working in related fields, will welcome such an authoritative and comprehensive treatise on this very important subject.

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Introduction

One hot summer day in 1894, I was reading Remsen's Organic Chemistry and came across the statement that mercaptan is the analog of alcohol. Curiously enough I remember, as if it had been vesterday, just where I was sitting on a Louisiana porch when I read this. One hot summer day fifteen years later I was reading theories of esterification and pondering the question whether the oxygen in the molecule of water that is eliminated comes from the alcohol or from the acid. The analogy of mercaptan to an alcohol came back to me and I decided to try the esterification of mercaptan. So off to the laboratory I went to prepare 1400 grams of ethyl mercaptan. The only other person working in the laboratory was the janitor, who had no sense of smell. I found that the esterification of mercaptan by an acid gives the thioester which can be hydrolyzed back to the mercaptan and acid. Several years later, with the aid of students, the esterification of mercaptans was taken up in a broad way. In 1958, I am still working on mercaptans.

In World War I, some one had the idea that butyl mercaptan might be used as a camouflage gas and I was asked to work out a process for making it. A small plant was put up at the American University in Washington and a ton of the product was shipped to France. There is no record of its fate, though it should have been possible to trace it.

When the American Petroleum Institute received money for research pertaining to petroleum, a project on the preparation of a series of mercaptans and a study of their reactions was placed in the Johns Hopkins Chemical Laboratory. The first stage was an extensive literature search. This showed the need for a comprehensive review of the organic chemistry of sulfur.

Of all the serious mistakes of my life, the most expensive both

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in labor and money, was undertaking to write a monograph on organic sulfur compounds. Thirty years ago, when there was little interest in the subject, this might have been possible. I made slow progress working alone. In 1939 the Freeport Sulfur Company gave me a generous grant for assistance. This was a big boost, but when the money had been spent I found that I had grossly underestimated the task and that the major part of it remained to be done. I had passed the point of no return and had to go ahead with my own resources. When the manuscript was at last written and typed I found it so out of date that it had to be rewritten. Now it should be rewritten again but, by the time this could be done, it would be more outdated than it is now. Organic chemistry has been expanding at a breath-taking rate but the rate is twice as fast in the sulfur sector as in the whole. Of the 36,000 compounds in the formula index of Chemical Abstracts for 1954, about one third contain sulfur, while in 1924 these were only one sixth. Keeping up with organic sulfur chemistry is hopeless. The coverage is less complete and the discussion less adequate than I had hoped to make them. The fascinating, but intricate, biochemistry of sulfur has had to be left to specialists in that field. However, the book does contain much information and its twenty thousand references will serve as first aid in literature searches.

Earlier articles in English, German, French, and Italian were read in the original, but in recent years dependence has had to be put on *Chemical Abstracts* which has been searched through 1954 for the first three volumes and through 1957 for the last two.

Without the impetus of the grant from the Freeport Sulphur Company the project might have been abandoned in its early stages; without the recent support of the Petroleum Research Fund of the American Chemical Society it could not have been completed.

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Mercaptans

Introduction

An early chemist compared the preparation of a new alcohol to the discovery of a new metal. Starting with a metal one can prepare a long series of compounds, oxide, hydroxide, sulfide, chloride, nitrate, sulfate, etc., paralleling those of other metals. Similarly, from a new alcohol a long series of compounds can be prepared, a chloride, a bromide, an iodide, and a host of esters. Methyl and ethyl compounds are far more numerous than are the salts of sodium and potassium. When Zeise discovered mercaptan, he did not start just one series of compounds but opened up a whole section of organic chemistry. Many mercaptans have been made and many more can be; for each alcohol a sulfur analog is possible. From these an endless number of derivatives can be prepared. The importance of mercaptans and other sulfur compounds is just beginning to be realized.

The chemistry of organic sulfur compounds centers around mercaptans. They are the analogs of the alcohols and are spoken of as thioalcohols, thiols, or alkanethiols. The –SH group as a substituent in a hydrocarbon is called mercapto, which corresponds to hydroxy. Thus CH₃SH may be called mercaptomethane and HSCH₂COOH, mercapto-acetic acid. The name mercaptum was given by Zeise to the group C₂H₅S– which is taken up by the mercury from corpus mercurio captum and

mercaptan to C₂H₅SH which captures the mercury from corpus mercurium captans.^{469, 685} The formation of the mercury derivatives was a striking characteristic. Zeise recognized the analogy to alcohol which was further elaborated by Liebig.^{887a} Interesting accounts of Zeise and his discoveries are given by Diergart ¹⁶¹ and O. Zeise.⁶⁸⁴ An excellent review of mercaptan chemistry has been written by Malisoff, Marks, and Hess.⁴⁰⁷

Occurrence of Mercaptans

Alcohols, either free or as esters, are found in natural products in great variety and in large amounts, but the mercaptans rarely appear. Three alcohols, geraniol, citronellol, and phenylethyl alcohol are the chief constituents of attar of roses but the mercaptans are at the other end of the odor scale. A butyl mercaptan is used by the skunk as a defense weapon. The lower mercaptans are noted for their powerful and disagreeable odors. As little as 0.000,000,002 mg. of ethyl mercaptan, or 1 part in 50,000,000,000 of air, can be detected by its odor. The odor is strong at 0.6 parts per million, distinct at 0.03 to 0.07 and detectable at 0.002. In very high concentrations the bad odor vanishes and is replaced by one somewhat like that of chloroform. The odor diminishes as the carbon chain lengthens; nonanethiol-2 is not unpleasant and those above lauryl are practically odorless.

Commercial quantities of methyl mercaptan are extracted from the "sour gas" of West Texas. Some ethyl mercaptan is also present.

Methyl mercaptan, apparently present in the free state, has been isolated from the roots of Raphanus sativus, 0.31 g. from 40 kg. of the fresh roots. Traces are found in some leaves state and even in foods. Methyl mercaptan and isopropyl mercaptan are in eucalyptus. Schizophyllum commune Fr., a wood-rotting fungus, liberates methyl mercaptan when grown on a synthetic medium containing inorganic sulfates. It is liberated when keratin is heated to 150° * with steam. It is formed in the anaerobic fermentation of gelatin and albumin and in the putrefaction of proteins. The state of the action of trypsin on proteins. Methyl mercaptan

^{*} All temperatures in this book are given in degrees Centigrade, unless otherwise stated.

was obtained by fusing proteins with potassium hydroxide. Egg albumin gave 0.35%, the maximum amount.⁵⁶¹ Either acid or alkaline hydrolysis of wool produces some methyl mercaptan.⁵³⁰ After asparagus is eaten, methyl mercaptan appears in the urine within an hour.^{443b} The urine of several people who had eaten 12 kg. of asparagus was distilled and the mercaptan caught in mercuric chloride solution.^{234,443c} Ethyl mercaptan is found in the urine of rabbits fed on cabbage.^{529b} Distillation of the urine of various animals gives hydrogen sulfide and mercaptans.⁴⁸⁵ Mercaptans are found in hydrolyzed snake venoms.⁴²⁴ The lower mercaptans are split off in the cooking of animal and vegetable foods and are found in feces.⁴⁴⁸ Methyl mercaptan may be produced by the bacterial decomposition of urine.³²⁷

Some allyl mercaptan accompanies the allyl disulfide in oil of garlic.⁵⁹⁰ Propyl mercaptan is evolved from freshly chopped onions.¹¹⁵

Swartz, working in Wöhler's laboratory, separated the secretion of the skunk, *Mephitis texana*, into fractions boiling 105 to 111° and 192 to 200°. 600 A sulfur compound which gave precipitates with heavy metal salts was separated from the same secretion. 392

The formation of ethyl mercaptan has been observed in vinous fermentation but this is supposed to be due to the reaction of the ethanol with sulfur or sulfur compounds present under the influence of the enzymes.410, 413 The probability that alcohols are formed by the reduction of aldehydes in fermentations raised the question as to whether mercaptans can be produced by the reduction of thioaldehydes. Experiment showed that thialdin (used as a substitute for the insoluble trimeric thiacetaldehyde) added to an actively fermenting sugar solution is transformed into mercaptan. 445, 446 Butyraldehyde and i-valeraldehyde mixed with alcoholic ammonium sulfide yield the corresponding mercaptans. 451 The bad odor of fermentation alcohol is attributed to mercaptan similarly formed. 123, 192 Alkyl disulfides are reduced to the mercaptans in bread cultures of Penicillium brevicaule. 72, 115, 118 In the making of wood pulp, methyl mercaptan is given off but nothing is known as to how it is formed. 56, 193, 245, 522 Its recovery has been proposed. 447, 517 Methyl and ethyl mercaptans are found in illuminating gas. 104, 297, 304, 338, 436, 671 Mercaptans are in coal tar 404b, 542, 543

Mercaptans appear in petroleum distillates, but in most cases it is certain that they were not present as such in the original oils. They may have been split off from larger molecules containing RS— groups, or they may have been formed by the union of hydrogen sulfide and unsaturates under the high pressures and temperatures prevailing in cracking stills. ^{19, 69, 71, 114, 117, 121, 136, 166, 179, 189, 210, 218, 232, 258, 259, 314, 328, 409, 439a, 473, 563, 680 It has been suggested that mercaptans may be formed by the union of hydrogen sulfide with unsaturates in the acid treatment of naphthas. ^{659, 660}}

The chief mercaptan present in petroleum distillates is ethyl. The next is probably methyl. Propyl, ^{68, 271} i-propyl, ^{68, 69, 271} butyl, ^{68, 271} i-butyl, ^{69, 271} s-butyl ²⁷¹ s-butyl ²⁷¹ days and t-butyl ²⁷¹ mercaptans have been identified. Higher mercaptans are present, but the amounts taper off as the molecular weights go up. Some naphthas of West Texas origin contain relatively large proportions of the higher, butyl to nonyl. Various methods of recovering these mercaptans have been proposed. He aggregate amount removed from the billions of gallons of gasoline manufactured is large. There is the possibility of recovering tank cars of mercaptans from this source. In catalytic cracking, now so widely used, a larger proportion of the sulfur of the crude is converted to hydrogen sulfide and thiophenes and less to mercaptans.

Mercaptans and hydrogen sulfide are the chief sulfur compounds in absorption gasoline from refinery still gases.⁶²⁵ Certain shale oils from Tyrol are very high in sulfur. Thiophenes account for the most of it, but there are also some mercaptans.⁷³

The subject of mercaptans and other sulfur compounds in petroleum was reviewed by Schmeling in 1936 ⁵³⁹ and discussed thoroughly in a symposium at the American Chemical Society meeting at San Francisco, April 1949.^{39, 134, 263, 271, 388, 587, 616, 640} The removal of mercaptans from petroleum distillates will be treated in chapter 2.

Preparation of Mercaptans

By Addition of Hydrogen Sulfide to Unsaturates

The possibilities of this method have just begun to be explored. Many unsaturates are available and hydrogen sulfide is cheaper

than reagents made from it. As there are no other products, a pound of the reactants produces a pound of mercaptan. From 109 g. of ethyl bromide and 56 g. of sodium hydrosulfide, it is theoretically possible to get 62 g. of ethyl mercaptan with 103 g. of sodium bromide as a by-product. There is a loss incident to the recovery of the mercaptan from the solvents used. The addition of 34 g. of hydrogen sulfide to 28 g. of ethylene gives the same weight of ethyl mercaptan with no by-products. With the addition method there is, however, a difficulty; the mercaptan first formed tends to combine with the unsaturate and the product may be a mixture of the mercaptan and the corresponding sulfide. A comprehensive investigation of the conditions under which the addition takes place is needed. Ultraviolet light, heat, and pressure are known to favor the addition; acids, bases, peroxides, and metal sulfides have been claimed as catalysts. There is much difference in the activity of unsaturates in taking up other addenda. Conditions can be found under which hydrogen sulfide can be added selectively to one unsaturate in the presence of others. This subject has been reviewed.^{287, 416}

Mercaptans are formed in some cases when mixtures of liquid hydrogen sulfide and unsaturates are kept at room temperature for several weeks.⁸¹ An alkene and hydrogen sulfide unite when heated together at 160°: ^{814, 323}

$$CH_2:CH_2 + H_2S \rightarrow CH_3CH_2SH$$

Cyclohexyl mercaptan is formed from cyclohexene at 150°.⁴²¹ When the double bond is activated by certain groups, as in 3,6-divinyl-2,5-diketopiperazine, addition of hydrogen sulfide may take place even at 0°.⁵⁷¹ When the reactants are passed over silica gel at 700°, addition takes place.⁴⁰⁶ The equilibrium of hydrogen sulfide and propylene over nickel carbonate on kieselguhr at 300° has been measured.^{38, 332} The results are given by the equations:

i-PrSH
$$\Delta$$
 F = -14,600 + 28.80T
n-PrSH Δ F = -14.600 + 30.00T

 ΔH is 14,600 and the values for ΔF at these temperatures are:

		300°	275°	250°
i-PrSH	` Δ F	1900	1180	460
n-PrSH	ΔΕ	2600	1850	1100

With phosphoric acid on activated carbon, propylene and hydrogen sulfide gave a maximum conversion of 17% at 200°.

With nickel on kieselguhr, ethylene showed 22% mercaptan at 250° 167, 332

Isoprene and hydrogen sulfide combine at 96° in the presence of iron sulfide to the mono- and then the dimercaptan, (CH₃)₂C(SH)CH:CH₂ and (CH₃)₂C(SH)CH(SH)CH₃.⁷⁵ Sulfides of nickel, cobalt, and iron are said to catalyze the addition of hydrogen sulfide to i-butene.3 Alumina and ferric oxide also are catalysts.²⁵² Unsaturates are sulfurized by simultaneous action of hydrogen sulfide and sulfur.2, 214, 486 An absorptive catalyst, such as fuller's earth, silica gel,320b, 449, 553b, 651 or silicaalumina gel, may be used to bring about the combination. 399, 544, ⁵⁴⁵ The use of hydrogen with titania gel is said to be beneficial.³⁶⁵ High-molecular-weight mercaptans are formed by reacting rosin or terpenes with hydrogen sulfide in the presence of acids or bases.460 Olefins react with hydrogen sulfide at room temperature in the presence of an acid, such as sulfuric, 151, 320a, 337, 455, 526 phosphoric, 524, 526 or alkanesulfonic. 492 Ethylene combines with hydrogen sulfide under pressure in the presence of phosphoric acid on kieselguhr at 220 to 350°.558 Hydrogen sulfide is added to aliphatic hydrocarbons having several olefinic bonds in the presence of acid phosphorus compounds at 50 to 100°.30 Secondary and tertiary mercaptans are formed with the aid of sulfuric.³⁷⁴ An acid or a basic catalyst may be used. 82b High yields of t-butyl and t-amyl mercaptans are obtained from isobutylene and isoamylene with hydrogen sulfide at moderate temperatures and pressures in the presence of acid catalysts,5,548 or of a clay catalyst. 560 Under mild conditions the reaction is selective; the product from a mixture of butene and isobutene is pure t-butyl mercaptan.27 Pure i-butene can be obtained by cracking the t-butyl mercaptan so prepared.²⁸ t-Butyl and t-i-octyl mercaptans are now manufactured on a considerable scale. With abietyl compounds bases are more effective. 82a Basic catalysts are recommended for the addition of hydrogen sulfide to a variety of compounds, RCH=CH₂.306 3-Hexene and anhydrous sodium hydrosulfide in alcoholic solution give hexanethiol-3.577 Molybdenum sulfide 160a is recommended as a catalyst. Water-binding agents, such as acid anhydrides, are used with metal sulfides, such as those of nickel and iron 452a, 663, 664 at elevated temperatures and under pressure. Depolymerization and addition of hydrogen sulfide may go on simultaneously as when triisobutylene and hydrogen sulfide are heated at 100 to 300°, under 500 to 1500 lb. pressure with a claylike catalyst.⁵¹¹ Peroxides and strong acid salts of iron, chromium, magnesium, aluminum, thorium, uranium, cerium, lanthanum, beryllium, osmium, molybdenum, vanadium, and manganese are claimed as catalysts.^{452b} Friedel-Crafts catalysts.^{52, 458} aluminum chloride,^{53, 172, 458} boron trifluoride,^{53, 172, 173, 175b, 194, 458, 553a, 581} hydrofluoric acid,^{53, 172, 458} and stannic chloride ^{175a, 425, 458, 581} are effective. Addition of hydrogen sulfide to ethylene, acrylonitrile, styrene, and other unsaturates takes place readily in alcohol containing sodium ethylate or ammonia.^{310, 333} Certain azo compounds are useful catalysts.⁴⁷⁸

Of all catalysts so far tried, 'ultraviolet light is by far the most effective. Butene-1 and liquid hydrogen sulfide, in a sealed tube exposed to the light from a mercury arc, showed 80% conversion in 4 minutes at 0°, 15% of this to butyl sulfide and 85% to n-butyl mercaptan. In 6 minutes under the same conditions propylene gave 65% n-propyl mercaptan and 35% sulfide. The -SH adds to the carbon having the most hydrogen contrary to Markownikow's rule. Acetone and lead tetraethyl are photosensitizers and increase the yield. 188, 632, 633 Cyclohexene and 1-methylcyclohexene react similarly. 442 In the gas phase the reaction is slow.

Addition to unsaturated ketones takes place readily.⁴⁸⁷ Hydrogen sulfide is added to an α,β -unsaturated ketone.^{106, 667} The addition compound, $(C_{10}H_{14}O)_2H_2S$, is used for the isolation of carvone.²⁰⁸

Acetylene and hydrogen sulfide unite to give thioacetaldehyde, vinyl mercaptan, vinyl ethyl sulfide,³⁰⁸ and other products when these gases are brought together in a solvent with or without an alkaline catalyst.⁵¹⁰ At higher temperatures thiophene ^{540, 596} and thiophenol ⁶³ are formed.

From Esters of Inorganic Acids

The first preparation of a mercaptan was by Zeise ^{686a} in 1834. He saturated barium sulfide with hydrogen sulfide and heated it in a retort with calcium ethyl sulfate. Liebig ^{387b} used the corresponding potassium compounds. A small yield of thiophenol was obtained by Stadler by fusing together solid sodium benzene-sulfonate and solid potassium hydrosulfide.⁵⁸⁰

A frequently used method of preparing ethyl mercaptan is that

of Klason.344a, 344b To a mixture of 500 cc. of concentrated and 500 cc. of fuming sulfuric acid, 1 liter of absolute alcohol is added. After this mixture has cooled, it is diluted by throwing in ice and poured into a cold aqueous solution of 4 kg. crystalline sodium carbonate. The faintly alkaline solution is concentrated by evaporation on a steam bath and cooled to eliminate most of the Glauber's salt. A solution of 800 g. of potassium hydroxide in 1600 cc. of water is saturated with hydrogen sulfide. The two solutions are mixed and heated on a steam bath. The liquid which goes over is freed from hydrogen sulfide with mercuric oxide and taken up in potassium hydroxide solution. The undissolved ethyl sulfide is separated and the mercaptan liberated with acid. A yield of 290 g. or 27% has been reported. The author prepared 1400 g. of ethyl mercaptan by this method in 1909 and found it satisfactory. Methyl, 253, 344a, 344b, 453 i-butyl, 299 and i-amyl ³⁶¹ mercaptans have been prepared similarly. From 500 cc. of n-butanol the yield was 120 g. or 25%.435

These are over-all yields from the two reactions:

$$\rm C_2H_5OH~+~H_2SO_4~\rightarrow~C_2H_5OSO_3H~+~H_2O,~and~C_2H_5OSO_3Na~+~NaSH~\rightarrow~C_2H_5SH~+~Na_2SO_4$$

The first of these is an equilibrium reaction and a considerable amount of the alcohol is left over unless much fuming sulfuric acid is used. As the lower alcohols are plentiful, the low yield has been of little consequence. From solid potassium ethyl sulfate the yield is good. By modern methods alcohols can be sulfated quite completely. Dodecyl 182, 276a and the higher alcohols from the methanol synthesis 390 have been sulfated and used for making the corresponding mercaptans.

The fact that sodium alkyl sulfates are soluble in water, even when the alkyls are long carbon chains, is a great advantage but usually this is offset by their slowness to react. They are seldom employed for other alkylations, but when sulfur is involved they are satisfactory. Of the two reactions:

the second goes about a thousand times as fast as the first.⁴⁹⁶ In the preparation of mercaptans the inactivity of the sodium alkyl sulfates is compensated by the activity of the sulfur.

It is to be remembered that sodium hydrosulfide always contains some of the sulfide:

The sodium sulfide that is present reacts with the alkyl sulfate:

$$2 \text{ BuOSO}_3 \text{Na} + \text{Na}_2 \text{S} \rightarrow \text{Bu}_2 \text{S} + 2 \text{Na}_2 \text{SO}_4$$

Thus there will always be some alkyl sulfide formed along with the mercaptan. The solubility of hydrogen sulfide in liquids decreases as the temperature is raised. If any of it is lost, the amount of sulfide is increased. It is desirable to counteract this by passing in hydrogen sulfide during the reaction or, better still, effecting the reaction in an autoclave under a high pressure of hydrogen sulfide. In this way the yield of mercaptan can be increased at the expense of the alkyl sulfide. Taking butyl sodium sulfate as an example, there is another reaction:

$$BuOSO_3Na + NaOH \rightarrow CH_3CH_2CH:CH_2 + Na_2SO_4 + H_2O$$

The higher the pH the more the alkene will be split off. An increase of the partial pressure of hydrogen sulfide lowers the pH and represses alkene formation. The tendency to form alkenes is small with the derivatives of primary alcohols but may be considerable with secondary and great with tertiary.

Some alkyl sulfide is obtained from sodium hydrosulfide. Conversely some mercaptan may be isolated even when pure sodium sulfide is the reactant. The reaction of sodium butyl sulfate with sodium sulfide must go in two steps:

The second reaction depends on the presence of the sodium mercaptide in the solution. This, being the salt of a very weak acid, is highly dissociated:

As will be explained more fully in a later chapter, butyl mercaptan is easily removed from water, even in the presence of a high concentration of sodium hydroxide, by steam distillation. In a recorded experiment ²⁵¹ in which a solution of butyl sodium sulfate and sodium sulfide was boiled gently and the vapors allowed to pass out through a condenser, 31% of the butyl groups

formed in the distillate were in the mercaptan and 69% in the sulfide. If the butyl mercaptan had not been allowed to escape, practically all of it would have gone to make butyl sulfide. The preparation of ethyl mercaptan goes well since it is so volatile that most of it escapes before it can be converted to ethyl sulfide.

If, in the above experiment, a vigorous current of steam had been passed in to carry over the mercaptan as fast as it was formed, the yield of mercaptan should have been even higher. This suggests that, in the usual preparation of mercaptans from sodium hydrosulfide, the proportion of mercaptan to alkyl sulfide can be raised by blowing in steam during the reaction to carry off the mercaptan as it is formed. This should be of service from propyl to n-nonyl. n-Nonyl mercaptan boils at 220.2° and has a vapor pressure of about 15 mm. at 100°. It should go over with about six times its weight of steam. If an autoclave is used, the addition of a hydrocarbon to the mixture should be beneficial. A large proportion of the mercaptan should pass into the hydrocarbon layer and escape further reaction. For convenience of fractionation, a hydrocarbon should be selected that boils considerably above or below the mercaptan.

Dimethyl and diethyl sulfates, which have become commercially available in recent years, are the most convenient reagents for making methyl and ethyl mercaptans. They react in two stages:

The first stage is extremely rapid. The second goes well enough. Methyl and ethyl chlorides and bromides are inconveniently volatile and the iodides are expensive. The dialkyl sulfates are relatively nonvolatile and cheap and react well in aqueous solution. 147, 341, 656

When hydrogen sulfide is passed into a solution of ethyl nitrite in alcoholic ammonia, the mercaptan is formed.³⁵⁶ The esters of p-toluene sulfonic acid are readily prepared and are active alkylating agents. They have been used for making mercaptans ^{557, 683} and are particularly suitable for preparing optically active mercaptans.³³¹

When ethyl alcohol and sulfur dioxide are heated in a sealed tube to 200°, disproportionation takes place and a number of compounds are formed: C₂H₅SH, (C₂H₅)₂O, C₂H₅SO₃H,

C₂H₅OSO₃H and sulfur.^{186, 463} When *i*-amyl alcohol and an equal amount of sulfuric acid are heated to 170°, some mercaptan is produced along with amylene and its polymers.⁴⁹⁸

FROM ALKYL HALIDES AND METAL SULFHYDRATES

As alkyl halides are readily available in organic laboratories. they have been the usual starting compounds for preparing mercaptans. Regnault 505 in 1840 passed ethyl chloride into potassium hydrosulfide in a tubulated retort and got the mercaptan. In the same year Löwig and Weidmann 393 made ethylene mercaptan from ethylene chloride. Mercaptans were prepared from amyl chloride,32 cetyl chloride,221 allyl iodide,288 hexyl chloride,472 β -hexyl iodide, ^{187, 650} *i*-propyl iodide, ^{128a, 277} s-butyl iodide, ⁵¹³ n-butyl iodide, 249 melissyl chloride, 477 heptyl chloride, 668a, 668b propyl bromide, 519, 668a, 668b octyl chloride, 324 and s-heptyl iodide.278d, 279 Mercaptans up to octadecyl have been prepared from alkyl iodides and bromides, 135, 206, 437, 512, 531 Optically active mercaptans have been obtained from the corresponding alkyl halides.215, 270, 380a, 380b, 380d, 380g The addition of a small amount of a strong reducing agent to the reaction mixture is said to improve the yield of mercaptan.669 Tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol is said to be a suitable medium for reactions of this sort.537

As a lecture demonstration, a 3-g. piece of potassium hydroxide is dissolved in 20 cc. of alcohol and saturated with hydrogen sulfide. Ethyl chloride is squirted in and the flask corked. Potassium chloride begins to precipitate. After an hour water is added and the mercaptan separates.²³⁶

Bromocellobiose has been converted to the mercaptan.⁶⁷⁵ Cyclopentyl bromide gives a fair yield of cyclopentyl mercaptan and little cyclopentene,³⁹¹ while cyclohexyl bromide gives little cyclohexyl mercaptan and much cyclohexene.^{82a}

The reaction rates of various bromides with potassium hydrosulfide and sulfide have been measured. Some hydrobromic acid is always split off, leaving some alkene.³⁹¹ The mechanism of the reaction has been studied.⁴⁵⁴

t-Butyl iodide and zinc sulfide give t-butyl mercaptan. A peculiar method of preparing mercaptans is the addition of bromine to a mixture of an alcohol, phosphorus, and sodium sulfate. Phosphorus tribromide is formed and reacts with the alcohol to produce an alkyl bromide. The phosphorous acid reduces the sulfate to sulfide and the mercaptan results. 419

Polyhalogenated higher hydrocarbons ^{154, 215, 305, 311, 330} and halogenated terpenes ⁴⁶⁰ may be the starting compounds in the preparation of mercaptans. Unsaturated halides, except those in which the halogen is attached to a doubly bound carbon atom, react satisfactorily. ^{112, 157, 255, 375a}

The action of sulfur monochloride on anthracene introduces the -SSCl group in the 9-position. Treatment of this with sodium sulfide gives 9-anthracenethiol.^{224, 475} Similar reactions take place with 1,2-benzanthracene and with 3,4-benzpyrene.⁶⁷³

An aromatic halide, such as phenyl chloride or bromide, does not react with an alkali hydrosulfide under mild conditions, unless the halogen is activated by a group, such as the nitro, in the ortho ²⁸⁶ or para position. 4-Nitrochlorobenzene ⁵⁷² and 1,4-nitrochloronaphthalene ³⁹⁶ react satisfactorily to form the mercaptans. When two nitro groups are in certain relative positions, one of them is activated.²⁸⁵ A halogen in the side chain,^{370, 574} as in benzyl chloride, is reactive. Benzyl mercaptan is obtained from it readily.^{14, 394, 457, 592} Under pressure and above 300°, phenyl chloride does react with sodium sulfide to give a mixture of thiophenol, phenyl sulfide, and phenol.⁶⁴² Other aromatic halides react under similar conditions.

Alkyl halides and hydrogen sulfide react even in the absence of alkali. Some mercaptan is formed when an aqueous solution of methyl iodide is saturated with hydrogen sulfide. Tertiary alkyl halides react with hydrogen sulfide in the presence of a Friedel-Crafts catalyst, such as stannic chloride. Hydrogen sulfide, passed into a solution of triphenylmethyl chloride, in which activated alumina is suspended, gives triphenylmethyl mercaptan. 335

Chlorinated aromatics, such as chlorobenzene and p-chlorotoluene, passed in vapor form over catalysts at elevated temperatures, 400 to 700°, with hydrogen sulfide, are converted to the corresponding mercaptans.^{122, 144, 265}

An ester may function as an alkyl halide:

RCOOE:
$$+$$
 NaSH \rightarrow RCOONa $+$ EtSH

This is effected at 180° with all reactants dry. Ethyl formate, valerate, and succinate and *i*-amyl acetate and butyrate have been studied.¹³ Esters of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid are particularly useful.¹⁶⁴

When hydrogen sulfide is passed into a solution of aluminum bromide in ethyl bromide a complex, AlBr₃·H₂S·EtBr, is formed. This is hydrolyzed by water into hydrobromic acid, aluminum bromide, and mercaptan.⁴⁸¹

Since the alkyl halides, except the very low ones, are practically insoluble in water, it is necessary to use alcohol as a solvent. As a starting material potassium hydroxide is preferable to the sodium compound since it is more soluble in alcohol. When an alcoholic solution of sodium hydroxide is being saturated with hydrogen sulfide, the intermediate sodium sulfide, which is only slightly soluble in strong alcohol, may separate out and give trouble. The equilibrium between sodium hydrosulfide and sodium sulfide plus hydrogen sulfide shifts to the right when the temperature is raised since hydrogen sulfide is less soluble. Therefore, more of the mercaptan and less of the by-product alkyl sulfide is formed when the reaction is conducted at room temperature. For 1 mole of an alkyl halide, dissolve 54 g. sodium methylate, or 23 g. sodium, in 300 cc. of alcohol. Add the alkyl halide, shake to mix and let it stand until the precipitation of the sodium halide appears to be complete. Filter off the salt and fractionate the alcohol solution. On account of the formation of azeotropes of the lower mercaptans with alcohol, this method should not be used for mercaptans below hexyl. 506b The lower alkyl chlorides, up to amyl, react satisfactorily with aqueous sodium hydrosulfide and the mercaptans can be steam distilled from the reaction mixture.127

For alkyl halides up to n-nonyl, 184, 375a, 375b 400 to 500 cc. of alcohol is used per mole. Above amyl this should be absolute alcohol. In a particular preparation, 90 g. of potassium hydroxide was dissolved in the alcohol and saturated with hydrogen sulfide which was passed in all during the reaction. The alkyl halide was added dropwise and the mixture kept at room temperature for several hours and then heated to reflux for an hour. For s-octyl and s-nonyl it was found best to dissolve 40 g. sodium in 500 cc. of absolute alcohol and saturate this with hydrogen sulfide. 525, 693 The addition of water to the reaction mixture causes the mercaptan to separate. This serves well for the preparation of triphenylmethyl mercaptan. 641 For high molecular weight mercaptans, such as cetyl, 135 heating the reactants in an autoclave is desirable. Butanol containing some water is recommended as a

solvent for reactions involving alkyl chlorides, decyl to octadecyl.⁴⁷

It is impossible to direct the reaction so that only mercaptan is formed. 36, 375a, 375b When the alkylating agent is a nonvolatile, water-soluble alkyl sodium sulfate, it is possible to distil out the mercaptan as it is formed and thereby diminish the opportunity for the formation of alkyl sulfide. When it is an alkyl halide, this cannot be done since the volatility of a mercaptan is less than that of the corresponding alkyl chloride and about equal to that of the bromide. It may be possible to arrange a continuous process so that this difficulty can be overcome. If an alkyl halide, such as ethyl chloride, is forced in at the bottom of a heated column of sodium sulfhydrate solution, it will be changed into mercaptan as it goes up. If the column is tall enough, the transformation should be complete. As the reaction is a rapid one, the required height of the column may be within the limit of practicability. The application of pressure would raise the working temperature and permit the use of a shorter column. A high boiling halide, such as lauryl chloride, might be mixed with a hydrocarbon, such as xylene. The xylene solution of the mercaptan would collect at the top of the column and be drawn off.

It has been customary to separate the mercaptan from the alkyl sulfide by-product by dissolving it in aqueous caustic soda solution, drawing off the undissolved sulfide and freeing the mercaptan by adding acid. As will be explained in Chapter 2, this method is practicable for only the lower mercaptans since the higher ones are easily extracted from 10% aqueous alkali. When a higher mercaptan has to be dealt with, 10 to 30% of alcohol must be added to the alkaline solution. This has little effect on the solubility of the sulfide, but a great effect on that of the mercaptan.

Besides being inefficient, this method of separation is objectionable since the oxygen of the air forms disulfides rapidly in the presence of alkali.⁶⁷⁸ This has been overlooked by many chemists, though the presence of disulfide has been noted.⁴³⁷ To avoid this an alkaline solution of a mercaptan should be kept out of contact with air as far as possible. When such a solution is to be acidified, it should be run into the acid. Pouring acid into alkali generates heat and accelerates the oxidation of the mercaptan while the solution is still alkaline.

With modern stills the separation of a mercaptan from concomitant sulfide and disulfide by fractionation presents no difficulty. The boiling points of several mercaptans and the corresponding chlorides, bromides, and sulfides are given in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1

Boiling Points of Mercaptans, Chlorides, Bromides, and Sulfides

Alkyl	Mer- captan	Chloride	Differ- ence	Bromide	Differ- ence	Sulfide	Differ- ence
Methyl	6.0°	-23.7°	29.7°	3.6°	-2.4°	37.3°	31.3°
Ethyl	34.7	12.2	22.5	38.4	3.7	92.2	57.5
Propyl	67.5	46.6	20.9	71.0	3.5	142.0	74.5
Butyl	98.0	78.5	19.5	101.6	3.6	182.0	84.0
Amyl	126.5	108.3	18.2	129.7	3.2	230.1	103.6

The boiling points of the mercaptans and of the corresponding bromides are inconveniently close. For this reason care should be taken to cause the bromides to react completely.

By Hydrolysis of a Thioester

Thioacetates

The hydrolysis of a thioester gives a mercaptan: 506a

RCOSEt
$$+$$
 HOH \rightarrow RCOOH $+$ EtSH

Thiolesters are readily hydrolyzed and the mercaptan produced can contain no alkyl sulfide or halide. Esters of thioacetic acid are particularly suitable.^{568a} Glucothiose has been made in this way.^{536, 551} It is preferable to use ammonia instead of alkali in decomposing the thioacetate. Ammonia reacts rapidly with thioacetic esters:

$${\rm CH_3COSR}$$
 + ${\rm NH_3}$ \rightarrow ${\rm CH_3CONH_2}$ + ${\rm HSR}$

There is less danger of oxidation when strong alkali is avoided. The thioacetic esters can be obtained by the reaction of an alkyl halide or sulfate on sodium thioacetate:

$$CH_3COSNa + RBr \rightarrow CH_3COSR + NaBr$$

This reaction goes readily and gives high yields since the sodium is joined to sulfur. As there is only one sodium on the sulfur there is no possibility of the formation of an alkyl sulfide or other troublesome by-product. If the thioester is saponified with sodium hydrosulfide, sodium thioacetate is regenerated and may be used for making more of the ester:

$$CH_3COSR + NaSH \rightarrow CH_3COSNa + RSH$$

The neatest way to recover the mercaptan from the thioester is by methanolysis. The thiol ester is dissolved in 2 or 3 volumns of absolute methanol to which about 0.2% of sodium has been added. The mixture is warmed. Transesterification takes place immediately:

$$RSAc + MeOH \rightarrow RSH + MeOAc$$

As the methyl acetate boils at 57.2°, it is easily driven off. Taking off the excess methanol leaves the mercaptan which may be distilled without purification. As the separations are to be made by fractionation, the boiling point of the mercaptan must be considered, which for ease of fractionation should be above 100°. Higher-boiling mercaptans should be distilled at appropriately reduced pressures. If the starting material is a pure thiolester the yield is quantitative except for losses in handling.

The preparation of mercaptans by the hydrolysis of thioacetic esters is likely to become of great importance since many of these esters are formed by the direct addition of thioacetic acid to unsaturates. (See the chapter on thioacids.) As the addition of thioacetic acid takes place contrary to Markownikow's rule, an alpha-olefin is converted into a primary mercaptan which might not be the case if hydrogen sulfide were added to the same olefin. Styrene and thioacetic acid unite:

$${\tt PhCH:CH}_2 \quad + \quad {\tt HSCOCH}_3 \quad \rightarrow \quad {\tt PhCH}_2{\tt CH}_2{\tt SCOCH}_3$$

Hydrolysis of this yields phenylethyl mercaptan, PhCH₂CH₂SH. 103, 289b

Thiocarbonates and Thiocarbamates

The xanthates are readily available and are good starting materials for preparing thioesters which can be made to yield mercaptans:

EtO·CS·SK + RBr
$$\rightarrow$$
 EtO·CS·SR + KBr
EtO·CS·SR + NH $_3$ \rightarrow EtO·CS·NH $_2$ + HSR

This method is particularly convenient for water-soluble halides, such as chloroacetic acid: 65, 222, 289a

$$\textbf{E+O+CS+SK} \quad + \quad \textbf{CICH}_2\textbf{COONa} \quad \rightarrow \quad \textbf{E+O+CS+SCH}_2\textbf{COONa} \quad \rightarrow \quad \textbf{HSCH}_2\textbf{COOH}$$

It has long been a standard method for making aromatic mercaptans. It is particularly useful for that group since aromatic halides are relatively unreactive and since diazonium compounds are readily available. A diazonium salt reacts with a xanthate: 163, 268, 377, 598

PhN2Cl + KS·CS·OEt
$$\rightarrow$$
 PhS·CS·OEt + N2 + KCl PhS·CS·OEt + H2O \rightarrow PhSH + COS + EtOH

As the alcohol involved in making the xanthate does not influence the mercaptan, a cheap alcohol, such as ethyl, is used. It might be desirable to use one such as *n*-butyl which is easily recovered. The inconvenience of handling hydrogen sulfide is avoided by the xanthate method. One half of the sulfur in the carbon disulfide is used. *m*-Nitrothiophenol has been made by this method.^{79, 378}

Sodium trithiocarbonate, Na₂CS₃, has possibilities that have not been fully realized:

Carbon disulfide is added dropwise to a 1 molar solution of sodium sulfide (240 g. Na₂S·9H₂O made up to 1 liter), containing magnesium hydroxide (10 g. MgCl₂·6H₂O and 4 g. NaOH dissolved in water and added separately).⁴⁶⁷ This solution should be well stirred and kept at about 50° during the addition. When the carbon disulfide has all reacted, the temperature is raised to 70° and the alkyl halide added dropwise, continuing the stirring.

This method is particularly suitable for alkyl sulfates or watersoluble halides, such as chloroacetic acid:

$$\mathrm{Na_{2}CS_{3}} \hspace{0.2cm} + \hspace{0.2cm} 2 \hspace{0.1cm} \mathrm{CICH_{2}COONa} \hspace{0.2cm} \rightarrow \hspace{0.2cm} \mathrm{SC(SCH_{2}COONa)_{2}} \hspace{0.2cm} + \hspace{0.2cm} 3 \hspace{0.1cm} \mathrm{NaCl}$$

The trithiocarbonic ester is hydrolyzed to get the mercaptan.

Ammonium dithiocarbamate, from the union of carbon disulfide and ammonia, reacts well with an alkyl halide:

$$H_2NCS \cdot SNH_4 + RBr \rightarrow H_2NCS \cdot SR + NH_4Br$$

Hydrolysis, or pyrolysis, of this ester gives the mercaptan. 91a. 91b. 92, 93

One of the products of the reaction of phosphorus pentasulfide on an alkene is a thiophosphoric ester from which a mercaptan is obtained by hydrolysis.²⁹⁸

Bunte Salts

The cheapest and most available salt of a thioacid is sodium thiosulfate. It reacts with an alkyl halide:

$$RBr + NaS\cdot SO_3Na \rightarrow RS\cdot SO_3Na + NaBr$$

The alkyl thiosulfate is a so-called Bunte salt. It can be hydrolyzed and the mercaptan set free. 105, 281, 490a, 518, 591 This method has seldom been used for preparing mercaptans, but is convenient when their derivatives, such as disulfides or mercaptals, are desired, since these can be obtained directly from the Bunte salts. For making mercaptans the drawbacks are that the formation of the Bunte salt is slow and its hydrolysis is not clean cut. *m*-Nitrothiophenol has been made by treating the Bunte salt with concentrated hydrochloric acid. 372

From Thiourea

In recent years the thiourea method has practically superseded all others for the preparation of mercaptans on the laboratory scale. It is easy to operate and has the advantage that no alkyl sulfide is formed as a by-product. A wide variety of halides may be used.^{21, 200, 214, 282, 339a, 339b, 385, 520, 599} It works well with many dihalides.²⁵⁴

It was observed by Claus in 1875 that ethyl bromide and thiourea unite to form a crystalline salt which is decomposed by alkali. A similar salt was obtained with chloroacetic acid. 128b Two years later Willgerodt heated two molecules of dinitro-chlorobenzene with one of thiourea in 90% alcohol in a sealed tube at 100 to 155°. He isolated dinitrophenyl mercaptan, ethyl chloride, ammonia and carbon dioxide. 661c Methyl iodide and thiourea react on standing, even in the cold:

$$\text{Mel} \quad + \quad \text{SC(NH$_2$)}_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{MeSC(:NH)NH$_2$HI}$$

The salt, S-methylisothiuronium iodide, is stable and soluble in water. When methyl iodide is added to powdered thiourea moistened with ethanol the reaction is so vigorous that a reflux condenser is needed.⁶⁵⁸ The same is true of ethyl iodide.⁶⁵⁷ The ad-

dition of aqueous alkali, or ammonia, causes the separation of the free base, MeSC(:NH)NH₂, which is only slightly soluble in water. Warming the base with water causes it to split into the mercaptan and cyanamide: ⁵⁸

$$RS \cdot C(:NH)NH_2 \rightarrow RSH + H_2N \cdot CN$$

This reaction is reversible. The cyanamide polymerizes to dicyandiamide but this is of no consequence as far as the preparation of the mercaptan is concerned. Decomposition may be effected by an amine: ⁵³⁵

$$\text{RS-C}(:\text{NH})\text{NH}_2 \quad + \quad \text{E+NH}_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{E+NH-C}(:\text{NH})\text{NH}_2 \quad + \quad \text{RSH}$$

The by-product is a substituted guanidine. As substituted thioureas may be used as starting materials, this makes possible the synthesis of a wide variety of substituted guanidines.

The thiourea method has given good results with a tertiary halide,²⁰ with unsaturated chlorides, such as methallyl ²² and crotyl,⁹⁵ with chlorhydrins,⁴⁵⁶ and with substituted benzhydryl halides.²²⁹ Dehydroisoandrosteryl mercaptan ⁵⁷ and 9,10-anthracenedi (methanethiol) have been prepared by this method.⁶⁰⁷ The yield of cyclohexyl mercaptan is satisfactory,⁵⁸² whereas the yield of this mercaptan by the sodium hydrosulfide method is poor.

The operations are conveniently carried out in a three-necked flask which is provided with a dropping funnel, a steam inlet tube, and a condenser, set for reflux. The thiourea is placed in the flask with about two thirds its weight of water. For mercaptans up to decyl, the use of alcohol is not only unnecessary but is objectionable, on account of the formation of azeotropes of the lower mercaptans with alcohol and the low solubility of thiourea in alcohol. 506b For higher alkyl halides, one fourth to one half of the water may be replaced with alcohol. (Alcohol of 95 630 or 99% concentration has been used as solvent with cetyl bromide, 62 but 50% alcohol is a better solvent for the thiourea and dissolves sufficient amounts of even the higher alkyl bromides to keep the reaction going. 506b) Heat is applied and the halide is added dropwise or in portions. The reaction may be over in 15 minutes or may require several hours. When the combination is judged to be complete, the condenser is turned down and steam passed through to remove alcohol or other volatile matter. The receiver is changed and concentrated sodium hydroxide solution added

from the funnel at such a rate that the reaction is vigorous but can be kept under control. A volatile mercaptan, up to octyl or nonyl, goes over and is separated from the water layer of the distillate. The water layer can be discarded. Ether extraction is useless since 1 liter of water dissolves only 0.57 g. of butyl mercaptan and much less of the higher. When the mercaptan is fractionated, the first portion that goes over is turbid and carries all of the water that is present. Only this tiny portion need be dried. Except for mechanical losses, the yields are practically theoretical. For nonvolatile mercaptans steam is used only for getting rid of volatile materials. Precautions must be taken to minimize the oxidation of the mercaptan by air, which is rapid in the presence of alkali. Air may be displaced by nitrogen or by adding a little benzene which will provide a blanket of vapor. Just as soon as the liberation of the mercaptan is complete, sufficient acid is added to bring the pH below 7. The reaction mixture is cooled and the mercaptan layer taken off.507

For methyl mercaptan it is convenient to prepare a quantity of the crystalline methylisothiuronium salt which can be stored and used as desired. One mole of thiourea (76 g.), 50 cc. of water and 63 g. (0.5 mole) dimethyl sulfate are warmed together in a flask until all go into solution. The solution is boiled vigorously, without reflux. Crystals begin to separate in 5 to 10 minutes. The boiling is continued until a thick magma is produced. The formation of a fog is to be avoided. A little cold water and sufficient alcohol to double the volume are added and the mixture cooled and filtered. The yield is 105 g. of the salt. By boiling down the mother liquor and adding alcohol, 20 g. more can be obtained, which corresponds to a yield of 90%. This salt melts at 244° with decomposition. To generate methyl mercaptan, 70 g. of this salt and 100 cc. of 20% sodium hydroxide solution are heated gently in a flask with a reflux condenser. Methyl mercaptan is evolved regularly. It passes up through the condenser, is bubbled through dilute sulfuric acid, and dried with calcium chloride. The yield is 21 to 22 g. or 90% and the operation requires only 10 to 25 minutes.9, 23, 556, 666

The thiourea method is especially advantageous when the mercaptan is being made as an intermediate for the preparation of some derivative, such as a mixed sulfide. Thus, in the described preparation, as soon as the isothiuronium salt has been prepared

and volatile materials have been removed by steam distillation, the condenser is turned to reflux and twice the usual amount of alkali is added together with the other alkyl halide. As the mercaptan is liberated, it forms sodium mercaptide which reacts at once with the alkyl halide.301 For example, add one mole of hexvl bromide to a slight excess of thiourea in twice its weight of water and reflux until the reaction appears to be complete. Add to the hot mixture slightly more than a mole of concentrated aqueous sodium hydroxide. When the mercaptan separates as a layer, add one mole of butyl bromide and another of the alkali. A volatile sulfide can be driven over with steam, while a less volatile may be separated from the cooled mixture. 508b mixed sulfide S(CH₂CH₂SCH₂CH₂OH)₂ was prepared by the addition of ethylene chlorhydrin. The elapsed time from the start of the heating to the pouring out of the product was 90 min-11tes.504

The preparation of the alkyl halide and its utilization to form the S-alkylisothiuronium salt may be accomplished in the same flask. A solution of thiourea in 10 parts of ethanol containing hydrogen chloride, refluxed several days, gave the desired salt.⁵⁸⁸ A mixture of 75 cc. of ethanol containing 4.5 g. hydrogen chloride and 7.6 g. thiourea was refluxed 72 hours to give 30% ethanethiol or 120 hours for 61%.321, 579 By the use of hydrobromic acid, the reaction time can be shortened greatly.213 It might be assumed that ethyl chloride is formed which subsequently reacts with the thiourea in the usual way. Against this it may be said that it does not seem likely that ethyl chloride, which boils at 12.2°, would remain in boiling alcohol long enough to react with anything. Alkyl chlorides do not react rapidly with thiourea. Perhaps the alcohol reacts in some way with the thiourea hydrochloride or with the thiuronium ion. This method is not recommended except in special cases, such as with alcohols whose hydroxyls are labile. The best example is thiodiglycol. One mole of thiodiglycol (122 g.), 2.02 moles of thiourea (155 g.), and 200 cc. of concentrated hydrochloric acid are heated under reflux. The formation of the thiuronium salt is complete within 20 minutes. The mercaptan, S(CH₂CH₂SH)₂, is liberated with alkali in the usual way. A yield of 85% of the distilled mercaptan has been obtained, the same as from mustard gas. In this case there is the special advantage of not having to handle the toxic chloride. 504

By REDUCTION

Disulfides

Alkyl disulfides are obtained from reactions with sodium disulfide and can be reduced to the mercaptans: 450

2 RBr
$$+$$
 Na $_2$ S $_2 \rightarrow$ RS·SR $+$ 2 NaBr RS·SR $+$ 2 H \rightarrow 2 RSH

The reduction may be effected in various ways. 126, 181, 276b, 317, 319, 468, 501, 541, 578, 621, 692 Alkyl and aryl disulfides and many other sulfur compounds are reduced neatly by lithium aluminum hydride to the mercaptans. 11, 593, 594 Hydroxymercaptans are advantageously prepared by way of the disulfides. 227, 568b, 569 This method is particularly suitable when the disulfide can be prepared by some special method, as is the case with furfuryl disulfide. 243, 313, 340, 376, 584

This would look like a way of circumventing the formation of the alkyl sulfide along with the mercaptan. Unfortunately sodium disulfide is a "statistical" compound, an equilibrium mixture of the disulfide with monosulfide and polysulfides:

$$\mathbf{2}\,\mathsf{Na_2S_2} \quad \rightleftarrows \quad \mathsf{Na_2S} \quad + \quad \mathsf{Na_2S_3}$$

The amount of alkyl monosulfide formed will depend on the proportion of sodium monosulfide present and on the relative reaction rates of it and of the di- and trisulfides with the alkylating agent. Experiments have shown that some alkyl monosulfide is produced even when the composition of the sodium polysulfide corresponds to Na₂S₄. To cut down the formation of the monosulfide, it is desirable to use sodium tri- or tetrasulfide. The alkyl polysulfides are readily reduced to the disulfides and to the mercaptans. Catalytic hydrogenation with a metal sulfide catalyst is applicable. The separation of the mercaptan from sulfide and disulfide by fractionation is a simple matter. m-Nitrothiophenol has been made by reducing the disulfide with glucose 55 or sodium sulfide, 88 both in alkaline solution.

Other Reductions

A sulfone chloride can be reduced to a mercaptan by zinc and an acid: 29, 35, 83a, 85, 176, 223, 235, 256, 267, 345, 348, 484, 623, 665, 688, 691

Tin or stannous chloride may be used.^{231, 296, 585, 622} p-Phenylene dimercaptan ⁶⁸⁹ and 4,4'-dimercaptodiphenyl ^{411b} have been made by the reduction of the respective disulfone chlorides with zinc and acid. This has been a standard method for making aromatic mercaptans, but has been seldom used for aliphatic mercaptans ⁶³⁹ since the required sulfone chlorides are not so readily available. Catalytic hydrogenation has been recommended for aliphatic sulfone chlorides.^{211a, 628} Lithium aluminum hydride ^{198, 411a} and phosphorus with potassium iodide ³⁴³ have been used as reducing agents.

An arylsulfinic acid or its salts may be reduced to a mercaptan with zinc and hydrochloric acid. 133, 170a, 233, 275, 461, 462 2-Thiophenesulfinic acid has been so reduced. 64 An arylsulfonamide is reduced by hydriodic acid. 203, 204

The reduction of cholesteryl thiocyanate by the Clemmensen method gives cholesteryl mercaptan: m. 99.5°, $[\alpha]_D$ —23.85°.645 Hydrogenation of an alkyl thiocyanate gives a mercaptan:

RSCN
$$+$$
 2 H \rightarrow RSH $+$ HCN

This does not seem to have been used as a preparation method.²³⁷ A selenocyanate is reduced by a metal and acid to the selenomercaptan.⁵⁸⁹

By the Grignard Reaction

Sulfur reacts with Grignard reagents: 433, 603a, 603b, 603c, 603d

$$RMgX + S \rightarrow RSMgX$$

 $RSMgX + HX \rightarrow RSH + MgX_0$

Selenium reacts similarly:

$$RMgX + Se \rightarrow RSeMgX \rightarrow RSeH$$

The examples given are aromatic, but aliphatic mercaptans can also be obtained in this way.^{209, 677} The yield may be as high as 80% provided there is no excess of sulfur: ⁶⁷⁶

$$\mbox{2 RSMgX} \ + \ \mbox{S} \ \rightarrow \ \mbox{RS•SR} \ + \ \mbox{S(MgX)}_2$$

Cyclohexyl mercaptan, which is difficult to obtain by the usual methods, has been prepared by this method.^{83b, 405, 619} Most aliphatic mercaptans are so readily prepared by other methods that there has been little incentive to use this method except for *t*-butyl.⁵¹⁵ Thioborneol has been prepared by this reaction,^{269, 293} so have the two thiophenethiols.¹⁰⁷

Phenyllithium and sulfur give thiophenol.²⁴² Butyl mercaptan has been made from butyllithium.⁸⁰

CATALYTIC FORMATION OF MERCAPTANS

When coal gas is passed over heated powdered nickel, an organic sulfur compound is formed which gives a mercury derivative, m.65 to 70°.430 Sabatier and Mailhe passed primary and secondary alcohols with hydrogen sulfide over heated thoria which they found to be the only efficient catalyst. 528a, 528b They report yields of 50 to 75%. Secondary alcohols of five to nine carbon atoms gave mercaptans. 404a A later study gave the following yields for 1:1 mixtures of alcohol vapor and hydrogen sulfide over thoria at 380°: methyl 42%, ethyl 35%, propyl 45%, n-butyl 52%, i-butyl 36%, and i-amyl 42%.359 It was found that the mode of preparation of the thoria is of great importance. The catalytic preparation of mercaptans up to octadecyl by passing their vapors and hydrogen sulfide over a dehydrating catalyst, such as zirconia, has been claimed.41, 307 The presence of a small amount of hydrogen in the mixture of methanol vapor and hydrogen sulfide is said to cut down the formation of methyl sulfide.⁵² The catalytic preparation of the higher mercaptans is now in commercial operation.

An alcohol may be heated with sulfur and hydrogen, under pressure with a catalyst, to produce a mercaptan. The yield from laurol is 40%.⁵⁹⁸ Cyclohexyl methyl mercaptan has been made by passing the acetate with hydrogen sulfide and hydrogen over a cobalt sulfide catalyst.⁴⁷⁰ Phenols are converted to thiophenols by passing their vapors over alumina, or thoria, with excess hydrogen sulfide at 400° to 600°.³⁴ Passing alcohol and carbon disulfide vapors over catalysts at 400° gives a moderate yield of mercaptan. The active agent may be the hydrogen sulfide formed by the action of the carbon disulfide on the water from the dehydration of a part of the alcohol.²⁴⁰

Hydrogenation of carbon disulfide to methyl mercaptan in the presence of nickel polysulfide approaches a first-order reaction. Hydrogenation of a nitrile in the presence of hydrogen sulfide with cobalt polysulfide catalyst gives the mercaptan. A carboxylic acid, or an ester, reacts with hydrogen sulfide in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst to form a mercaptan. 160a, 160b, 602

Mercaptans are produced by the hydrogenation over a sulfactive catalyst of a variety of sulfur compounds.^{170c, 171, 190a, 190b, 211b, 367, 368, 369, 565b, 605} A mercaptan results when an olefin, sulfur, or hydrogen sulfide, and hydrogen are heated with a sulfactive catalyst.^{4, 655}

t-Butyl sulfide can be cleaved to t-butyl mercaptan by hydrogen sulfide in the presence of metal sulfides.³ A sulfide may be cleaved by sodium in liquid ammonia.¹⁵⁸

During World War I, it was proposed to use n-butyl mercaptan as a camouflage gas to the end that the enemy would have difficulty in telling in which sectors toxic gases were being used and in which they were absent. A small plant rated at 300 lb. per day was set up at the American University in Washington for making n-butyl mercaptan catalytically. The alcohol vapors and hydrogen sulfide were passed through enamel-lined steel tubes 10 ft. long and 2 in. in diameter heated to about 400° C. The plant operated successfully and about a ton of the mercaptan was sent to France, but whether or not it was ever used, no one seems to know. The condensate from the catalyst tubes separated into two layers. The top layer was taken off and fractionated. The chief difficulty encountered was due to the fact that n-butyl mercaptan and n-butanol form an azeotropic mixture containing 14.84% of the alcohol and boiling at 97.8°. 359

A method which is not catalytic but which uses the same operating conditions is to pass the alcohol vapor over aluminum sulfide. Much mercaptan and some sulfide are obtained at 260 to 300°.383, 384

MISCELLANEOUS FORMATIONS

This is emphatically not a method for preparing mercaptans but is mentioned here since it has been taken up in many text books. Kekulé ³²⁹ wrote the equation:

$$5 C_2 H_5 OH + P_2 S_5 \rightarrow 5 C_2 H_5 SH + P_2 O_5$$

This cannot be realized under any conditions. The alcohol adds to the pentasulfide somewhat as it would to phosphorus pentoxide. According to conditions various products are formed. One important reaction is: ⁴⁸⁰

4 EtOH +
$$P_2S_5 \rightarrow 2 (EtO)_2PS\cdot SH + H_2S$$

Since the alkyl in this is still bound to oxygen, a mercaptan cannot be produced by simple hydrolysis but may be among the products of pyrolysis. This will come up again in Chapter 3. Thiophenol ⁴⁹ and 2-hexyl-p-thiocresol ²⁹² have been obtained from the hydroxyl compounds with phosphorus pentasulfide. Heating ethyl diphenylacetate with phosphorus pentasulfide gives ethyl mercaptan. ⁵⁸³

Methyl mercaptan is formed from carbon disulfide and hydrogen sulfide in the presence of a Friedel-Crafts catalyst.⁵²

Cyclohexyl mercaptan is formed when cyclohexanone is heated with ammonium polysulfide.⁶⁸¹

Aromatic mercaptans are formed when sulfur chloride reacts with the hydrocarbon in the presence of aluminum amalgam.¹³²

Mercaptans seem to be among the products when an alkene and hydrogen are led over pyrites at 350° or when an alkene is treated with a sulfurizing agent, such as sodium tetrasulfide.³⁰⁹ Two mercaptans and other compounds result when 2-methylbutene-2 is heated with sulfur at 160 to 170°.¹⁰¹

Cyclohexane is sulfurized and dehydrogenated by sulfur to thiophenol. Mercaptans are commonly among the products when hydrocarbons are heated with sulfur. Propylene and sulfur give some i-propyl mercaptan. 395

Thianaphthene is reduced by sodium in boiling alcohol to o-ethylthiophenol.²²⁰ By the same treatment, thienol [3,2-b]-thiophene is opened up to 2-ethyl-thiophenethiol-3.¹¹⁶

Triphenylcarbinol is converted to the mercaptan by saturating its solution in acetic acid with hydrogen sulfide in the presence of a catalytic amount of sulfuric acid.³³

Treating an epoxy resin with hydrogen sulfide is said to introduce sulfhydryl groups.⁵⁵⁹

A by-product of the synthesis of thiophene from a succinic ester and phosphorus pentasulfide is 2-thiophene-thiol.⁴²³ The 3-isomer is a by-product in the commercial synthesis of thiophene from butane and sulfur.⁵⁰⁰

A silicon mercaptan, Me₃SiSH, has been prepared from the corresponding chloride by conventional methods.¹¹⁹

Dimercaptans or Dithioglycols

Derivatives of the gem-dithiols, RCH(SR')₂ and R₂C(SR')₂, the mercaptals and mercaptoles have been known for a long time.

They are so numerous and so important that a whole chapter will be devoted to them. Until recently it was assumed that the gem-dithiols would be too unstable to be isolated. Chemists contented themselves with assuming their existence as intermediates.

By treating formaldehyde with hydrogen sulfide at low temperature, a liquid is obtained which is stable for a time if kept cold. Iodine converts it to a tarry mass from which a solid melt-

ing at 83 to 84° can be extracted, apparently CH_2 SCH₂S , m.wt.

calc. 170, found 165 to 177. By treating the original reaction product with methyl iodide in alkaline solution and oxidising the product thus produced, a mixture of the two sulfones, $H_2C(SO_2Me)_2$, m. 141°, and $O_2S(CH_2SO_2Me)_2$, m. 184 to 185°, is obtained. The corresponding ethyl sulfones, $H_2C(SO_2Et)_2$, m. 103°, and $O_2S(CH_2SO_2Et)_2$, m. 149°, have been prepared in a similar way.⁴³ Reduction of carbon disulfide gave a product from which what appeared to be the methylene trithiocarbonate, $H_2C(S\cdot CS\cdot SNa)_2$ was obtained.⁴²⁹ A derivative of methylene mercaptan has been patented.⁵⁴

Recently it has been found that *gem*-dithiols can be prepared, quite simply, in good yields and that they are relatively stable.¹¹⁰ The reactions may be represented as:

Aldehydes react at lower temperatures and pressures than ketones. Formaldehyde gives a 33% yield in 16 hours at 42° and 30 atmospheres pressure. Pressures up to 8000 atmospheres were used with ketones. Polymeric disulfides are by-products.

To avoid decomposition it is desirable to distil the gem-dithiols at reduced pressures so that they need not be heated above 80°, though some of them will stand higher temperatures. Some gem-dithiols can be stored for a year with little decomposition. They show typical mercaptan reactions. They form metal mercaptides and can be alkylated and acylated. The addition products with ethylene and propylene are mercaptals.

Ethylene mercaptan, prepared from ethylene chloride and potassium sulfhydrate back in 1840,³⁹³ is the only well known member of this class. Ethylene bromide and sodium hydrosulfide gave

it also.⁶⁵⁴ Ethylene mercaptan was obtained by the action of ammonia on polymeric ethylene trithiocarbonate.³⁰³ From alcoholic potassium hydroxide saturated with hydrogen sulfide and ethylene bromide, a 70% yield has been claimed.^{191a} Much lower yields have been reported.^{422, 595} One difficulty in getting a high yield is the formation of by-products. In one experiment about 16% of HSCH₂CH₂SCH₂CH₂SH, 1.5% of HSCH₂CH₂SCH₂CH₂-SCH₂CH₂SH and about 10% of polymers were reported.⁴¹⁷ The polymers may have bromine terminals and molecular weights as high as 3000.⁵⁰² The formation of sulfide-mercaptans can be cut down by carrying out the reaction in an autoclave, under hydrogen sulfide pressure. Ethylene mercaptan may be prepared from sodium thiosulfate.²³⁹ The sodium amalgam reduction ²¹⁷ or hydrogenation over a sulfactive catalyst ³⁶⁸ of polymeric ethylene disulfides has been used.

It can be made by the thiourea process,^{7, 412a, 576} but with some difficulty. Ethylene bromide reacts promptly and vigorously with thiourea and the isothiuronium salt is obtained in high yield. For some reason this salt is not decomposed readily by alkali. Refluxing for 5 hours with 15 moles of potassium hydroxide appears to be necessary.⁵⁷⁶ This is seven times as much alkali and ten times as long as would be expected. This difficulty is not encountered when the reactive groups are further separated. The sulfide dimercaptan has been observed as a by-product.^{412a}

Trimethylene mercaptan, HSCH₂CH₂CH₂SH, has been prepared from the bromide and potassium hydrosulfide,^{17, 260, 412a, 503, 549, 566} by the thiourea method ^{266, 412a} and also by reducing trimethylene thiocyanate, CH₂(CH₂SCN)₂, with zinc and hydrochloric acid.²⁶⁰ The dimethyl-trimethylene mercaptan, HSCH₂·CMe₂·CH₂SH, has been prepared.²⁴ Propylene dimercaptan, CH₃CH (SH)CH₂SH, b. 152°, and isobutylene dimercaptan have been made. The yield of the second was very poor.^{260, 566} The preparation and properties of a complete series of dimercaptans, up to dodecamethylene, have been described.²⁶⁶

For making the polymethylene mercaptans, the usual methods are available. A novel way is to prepare the bisdithiourethanes, $C_5H_{10}N\cdot CS\cdot S(CH_2)_nS\cdot CS\cdot NC_5H_{10}$, from piperidine, carbon disulfide, and the dihalide. Treating this with alkali liberates the dimercaptan. ^{91a}

Dimercaptans show the usual reactions of mercaptans. The

chief interest in the lower members has been in the formation of cyclic compounds. Many cyclic mercaptals have been prepared from ethylene mercaptan and the saccharides,^{366, 648} as well as from simpler aldehydes^{16, 191a, 191b} and from ketones.^{15, 191b, 239} These are described under mercaptals and under cyclic sulfides.^{417, 627}

Dimercaptans are said to be less toxic to catalysts than the monomercaptans. 415

One trimercaptan is known: trithioglycerol, HSCH (CH₂SH)₂, ¹¹¹, ⁴²⁶, ⁵¹⁶ which is insoluble in water but mixes with ether.

The mercaptan, C(CH₂SH)₄, corresponding to pentaerythritol has been prepared by the catalytic hydrogenation of a polymeric polysulfide.^{190b}

It is claimed that polymers containing free mercaptan groups can be obtained by adding thioacetic acid to unsaturated polymers and hydrolyzing.³¹²

Comparison of Mercaptans with Alcohols, Hydrocarbons, and Alkyl Halides

In tables 2.1 to 10.1 and in most of the plots the mercaptans and alcohols are compared with the hydrocarbons having one more carbon atom, that is, ethyl mercaptan and ethanol are compared with propane, and so on, for the higher members. In this way there are the same number of heavy atoms in the compounds in each line. The secondary mercaptans and alcohols, RCH(SH)CH₃ and RCH(OH)CH₃, are compared with hydrocarbons of the structure RCH(CH₃)CH₃.

In the textbooks the statement is made that mercaptans boil lower than the alcohols. That is quite true for the lower ones; methyl and ethyl mercaptans boil at 58.5° and 43.6°, respectively, below methanol and ethanol, but the differences become less as the carbon chains become longer until the seventh members of the series are reached, and above that the mercaptans boil higher than the corresponding alcohols. With the secondary mercaptans and alcohols, the relations are nearly the same but not so regular. For comparison, the boiling points of the mercaptans, alcohols, hydrocarbons, and alkyl bromides are given in Table 2.1, with their differences, and those of the mercaptans, alcohols, hydrocarbons, and alkyl chlorides are plotted in Figures 1.1 and 2.1 against the number of carbon atoms. Columns 1, 5 and 8 give the boiling

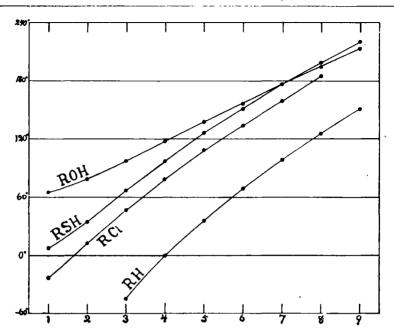


Figure 1.1. Boiling Points of Primary Mercaptans, Alcohols, Alkyl Chlorides and Hydrocarbons, Plotted against Number of Carbon Atoms

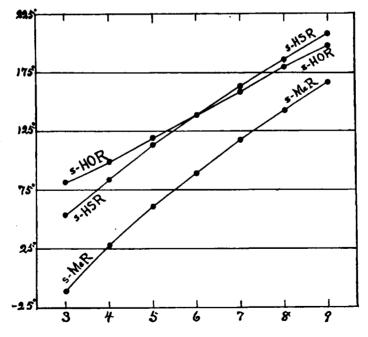


Figure 2.1. Boiling Points of Secondary Mercaptans, Secondary Alcohols and Hydrocarbons Plotted against Number of Carbon Atoms

points of the mercaptans, alcohols, and alkyl bromides. Column 7 gives the boiling points of the hydrocarbons, RMe. Thus line 1 has the boiling point of ethane, Me-Me, contrasted with those of Me-SH, Me-OH and Me-Br. Column 2, SH-Me, shows the elevation of the boiling point when sulfhydryl is substituted for methyl. Thus in line 1 the boiling point of methyl mercaptan, 6°, is 94.3° higher than that of propane. Column 6 shows the elevations when hydroxyl is substituted for methyl. Column 3 gives the differences between the alcohols and mercaptans. Methanol boils 58.5° above methanethiol while heptanol and heptanethiol boil at practically the same temperature.

Table 2.1

Boiling Points of Mercaptans Compared with Those of Alcohols, Alkyl Bromides and Hydrocarbons

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	RSH	_	OH-SH	Br-SH	ROH	ОН-Ме	$\dot{ m RMe}$	RBr
1	5.96	94.3	58.5	-2.4	64.5	152.8	-88.3	3.6
2	34.7	79.2	43.6	3.7	78.3	122.8	-44 .5	38.4
3	67.5	68.0	29.7	3.5	97.2	97.7	-0.5	71.0
4	98.0	62.8	19.7	3.6	117.7	81.7	36.0	101.6
5	126.5	57.8	11.4	3.2	137.9	69.2	68.7	129.7
6	151.5	53.1	5.0	3.8	156.5	58.1	98.4	155.3
7	176.2	50.6	-0.1	3.8	176.3	50.7	125.6	180.0
8	199.1	48.4	-4.4	2.4	194.7	44.0	150.7	201.5
9	220.1	46.0	-6.6		213.5	39.4	174.1	
			Iso	-compor	unds			
4	88	60	19.9	3.4	107.9	80.0	27.9	91.4
5	119	59	13.0	1.6	132.0	71.7	60.3	120.6
			S	Secondar	ry			
3	52.9	64.6	29.4	-6.4	82.3	94.0	-11.7	59.35
4	84.5	56.6	15.0	-6.8	99.5	71.6	27.9	91.3
· 5	112.9	52.6	6.9	-0.1	119.8	59.5	60.3	113
6	138.9	48.8	0.9	-5.6	139.8	49.7	90.1	144
7	163.6	45.5	-4 .9	-2.4	158.7	40.6	118.1	166
8	186.4	43.2	-7.4	-2.6	179.0	35.8	143.25	189
9	208.2	41.4	-9.9	0.2	198.3	31.5	166.8	208
				Tertiar	y			
4	64	54.6	18.9	-9.3	82.86	45.9	9.45	73.3
5	98	49.3	4.3	-11.2	102.3	52.6	49.7	109.2

In Figure 3.1, the boiling points of the mercaptans, alcohols, hydrocarbons, and alkyl chlorides are plotted against their molecular weights. The hydroxyl group has a great effect but this falls off as the carbon chain lengthens. The elevation of the boiling point by the -SH group diminishes slightly from methyl to amyl and then becomes practically constant. The boiling points of the secondary mercaptans bear a similar relation to those of the 2-methyl hydrocarbons. The alkyl chlorides boil almost exactly where hypothetical hydrocarbons of the same molecular weight would.

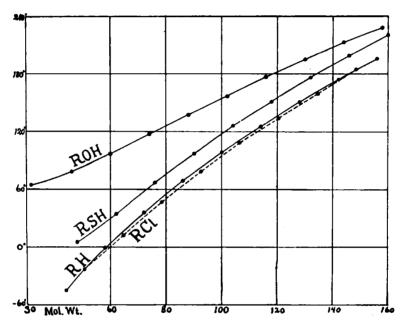


Figure 3.1. Boiling Points of Primary Mercaptans, Alcohols, Alkyl Chlorides and Hydrocarbons Plotted against Molecular Weight

The elevation of the boiling point by the mercapto group is partly due to its nature and partly to its weight. An attempt has been made, in Table 3.1, to evaluate these separately by taking the differences between the boiling points of the mercaptans and those of hypothetical hydrocarbons of the same molecular weights. The boiling points of these hypothetical hydrocarbons were read off from a plot of the boiling points of the normal hydrocarbons and the mercaptans against molecular weights. The results are in the column headed *Elevation*. The

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same has been done for the alcohols. The column T/T' gives the ratios of the boiling temperatures of the mercaptans to those of the hypothetical hydrocarbons, both in degrees Kelvin. The same has been done for the alcohols.

Table 3.1
Association of Mercaptans

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			Merca	ptans				4	Alcoho	IS	
		Eleva-	•					Eleva-			
No.	B.p.	tion	T/T'	M.w.ho	c. r	Asso.	B.p.	tion	T/T'	M.w.hc.	r
1	5.96	37.8	1.165	60.6	1.26		64.5	146.5	1.766	84.3	2.63
2	34.7	24.7	1.086	71.5	1.15		78.3	116.0	1.493	90.6	1.97
3	67.5	22.1	1.066	85.5	1.12	1.113	97.2	92.2	1.332	99.5	1.66
4	98.0	20.7	1.058	99.9	1.11	1.094	117.7	77.0	1.192	110.0	1.48
5	126.5	20.3	1.052	113.7	1.10	1.089	137.9	65.0	1.187	121.0	1.37
6	151.5	18.6	1.045	128.6	1.09	1.076	156.5	54 .0	1.142	131.6	1.29
7	176.2	18.9	1.043	143.6	1.09	1.064	176.3	47.0	1.117	143.7	1.24
8	199.1	18.9	1.041	158.3	1.08	1.049	194.7	40.2	1.094	155.5	1.20
9	220.1	18.3	1.037	172.8	1.08	1.030	213.5	36.0	1.080	168.2	1.17
\mathbf{P} h	169.5	25.5	1.062	139.3	1.26		182.2	67.6	1.175	147.4	1.57
					Seco	ndary					
3	52.9	15.7	1.050	82.8	1.09	1.095	82.3	88.5	1.331	96.4	1.60
4	84.5	15.6	1.045	97.2	1.08		99.5	67.0	1.181	104.8	1.41
5	112.9	14.8	1.037	111.5	1.07	1.039	119.8	55.0	1.162	115.0	1.31
6	138.9	13.6	1.032	125.5	1.06	1.032	139.8	45.2	1.123	126.1	1.23
7	163.6	13.7	1.032	140.3	1.06	1.025	158.7	36.2	1.091	137.2	1.18
8	186.4	13.2	1.029	153.9	1.05	1.012	180.0	33.2	1.082	150.6	1.16
9	208.2	13.4	1.025	168.1	1.05	1.000	198.3	28.2	1.064	162.9	1.13

The molecular weights of hypothetical hydrocarbons having the same boiling points as the mercaptans have been calculated and are listed under M.w.hc. The ratios of these to the molecular weights of the mercaptans are under r. This ratio is a sort of measure of the association of the mercaptans. For the primary mercaptans this ratio starts at 1.27 and decreases until it becomes practically constant at 1.08. It is 0.03 lower for any secondary than for the corresponding primary. Under Asso., figures are given for the association calculated from fluidities. There is close agreement. Corresponding data are given for the alcohols. Thiophenol is more like a lower primary mercaptan.

In physical properties, except densities, mercaptans resemble alkyl bromides and hydrocarbons closely. As far as boiling points are concerned, the substitution of the -SH group in a hydrocarbon

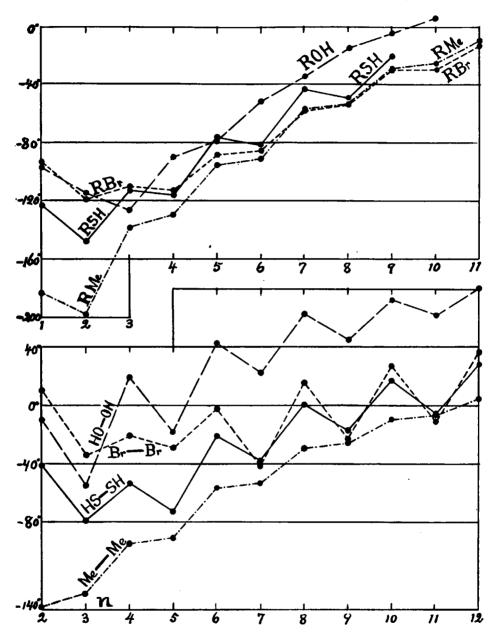


Figure 4.1. Upper Part: Melting Points of Mercaptans, Alcohols, Bromides and Hydrocarbons Pletted against Number of Carbon Atoms

Lower Part: Melting Points of Dimercaptans, Glycols, Dibromides and Hydrocarbons Plotted against Number of Carbon Atoms has practically the same effect as that of a bromine atom. This is true also for the secondary and tertiary compounds. As seen in column 4 of Table 2.1, the boiling points of the primary mercaptans, from ethyl to hexyl, average 3.6° lower than the corresponding alkyl bromides. The melting-point pattern of the mercaptans, as seen in the upper part of Figure 4, is much like that of the alkyl bromides, which closely resembles that of the hydrocarbons, RMe, having the same numbers of heavy atoms. Data on solubilities in water of these compounds are scanty, but such figures as are available indicate that the solubilities of butyl mercaptan, butyl bromide, and pentane are of the same order (see Table 4.1).

Table 4.1

Solubilities of Mercaptans, Bromides, and Hydrocarbons in Water
(in grams per liter of water at 20 to 30°)

R	RSH	RBr	$\mathbf{R}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e}$
Me	23.300		
${f Et}$	6.76 0	8.96	
\mathbf{Pr}	1.960	2.31	_
${f Bu}$	0.570	0.61	0.360
\mathbf{Am}	0.164		0.140
\mathbf{Hex}	0.043	_	0.052
\mathbf{Hep}	0.014		0.015

In Figure 5.1, the densities of the primary and secondary mercaptans are plotted along with those of the corresponding alcohols. There is a sharp drop from methyl to ethyl on account of the decrease in the percentage of sulfur. From ethyl the density rises slowly. The increase in density due to the higher percentage of carbon is largely compensated by the decrease in sulfur content.

The melting points of primary mercaptans, alcohols, alkyl bromides, and hydrocarbons are given in Table 5.1 for comparison. The similarities are closer if propane is put with ethyl mercaptan, ethyl alcohol and ethyl bromide, and so for the higher members of the series. The melting points are more alike when the molecules have the same number of heavy atoms rather than the same number of carbons.

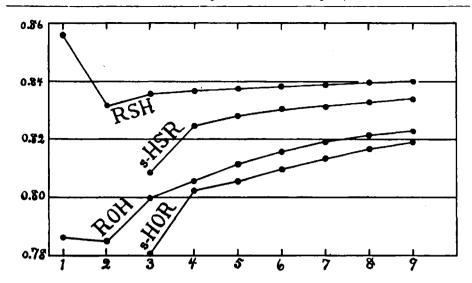


FIGURE 5.1. Densities, 25/4, of Primary and Secondary Mercaptans and Alcohols, Plotted against Number of Carbon Atoms

Table 5.1

Melting Points of Mercaptans, Alcohols, Alkyl Bromides, and Hydrocarbons Having Like Numbers of Heavy Atoms

R	RSH	ROH	RBr	Rme
Me	-123.0	- 97.0	- 93	-183.2
Et	-147.3	-114.6	-119.0	-187.7
Pr	-113.3	-126.1	-110.0	-138.3
Bu	-115.9	- 89.8	-112.4	-129.7
\mathbf{Am}	- 75.7	- <i>7</i> 8.5	- 88.0	- 95.3
Hex	- 81.0	- 51.6	- 85.0	- 90.6
Hep	- 43.4	- 34.1	- 38.9	- 56.8
Oct	- 49.2	- 15.0	- 54.0	- 53.7
Non	- 20.1	- 5.0	- 30.8	- 29.7
\mathbf{Dec}		6.0	- 29.6	- 25.6
Und	_	15.8	- 13.1	- 9.6
Dod	_	23.9	- 9.6	- 6.2

These data are plotted in the upper part of Figure 4.1, from which it is seen that the melting points of the alcohols make a pattern that is entirely different from those of the mercaptans,

bromides, and hydrocarbons. The patterns for RSH, RBr, and RMe are very similar.

The melting points of the 2-mercapto and the 2-methyl hydrocarbons are in Table 6.1.

Table 6.1

Melting Points of 2-Mercapto- and 2-Methyl-Hydrocarbons

_	RCH (SH) CH ₃	RCH (Me) CH ₃
Propane	-130.7	-145.0
Butane	-165.0	-160.9
Pentane	-169.0	-160.5
Hexane	-147.0	-155.0
Heptane	-141.0	-111.3
Octane	<i>- 7</i> 9.0	- 80.0
Nonane	- 69.0	- 74.7

These are plotted in Figure 6.1. There is a similarity in the two melting point patterns, though they are close together only a part of the way.

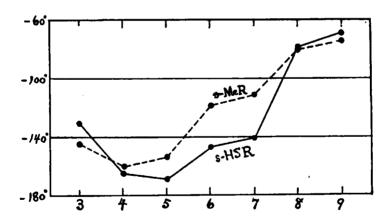


FIGURE 6.1. Melting Points of 2-Mercapto- and 2-Methyl-Hydrocarbons, Plotted against Number of Carbon Atoms

As for the monomercaptans in Table 3.1, in Table 7.1 data are given for the boiling points of the dimercaptans and glycols. Unfortunately, the available data for the glycols are scanty and, except for the first two, not very accurate.

Table 7.1
Association of Dimercaptans

	Dimercaptans						Glycol	ls		
No.	B.p.	Eleva- tion	T/T'	M.w.hc.	r	B.p.	Eleva- tion	T/T'	M.w.hc.	r
2	146.0	60.2	1.168	125.5	1.33	197.4	187.5	1.663	157.3	2.53
3	172.9	58.9	1.153	141.5	1.31	214.0	168.8	1.530	168.6	2.22
4	195.6	55.6	1.134	156.1	1.28	230.0	153.0	1.445	180.2	2.00
5	217.3	53.2	1.122	170.9	1.26	239.0	133.0	1.350	186.2	1.79
6	237.1	50.6	1.110	185.3	1.23	250.0	117.0	1.290	195.5	1.65
7	252.2	44.7	1.093	197.2	1.20	262.0	105.0	1.243	205.0	1.55
8	269.3	42.0	1.083	210.9	1.18					
9	284.0	38.1	1.073	223.7	1.16					
10	297.1	33.5	1.062	235.0	1.14					
11	308.8	28.8	1.053	245.7	1.12					
12	319.3	23.3	1.043	255.3	1.09					

Table 8.1 lists the elevations of the boiling point of a hydrocarbon caused by the introduction of the first and second —SH or —OH groups.

Table 8.1

Elevation of Boiling Point by First and Second Substitutions of SH Groups

•	1st SH	2nd SH	1st OH	2nd OH
Ethane	123.0	111.3	166.7	118.8
Propane	112.5	104.9	141.7	116.8
Butane	98.5	97.6	118.2	112.3
Pentane	90.5	90.8	101.8	101.6
Hexane	82.8	85.6	87.8	93.5
Heptane	77.8	76.0	<i>77</i> .9	82.7
Octane	73.5	70.2	69.1	
Nonane	69.5	63.8	62.8	

With ethane and propane, the introduction of the second -SH or -OH group has less effect than that of the first, but for the higher hydrocarbons there is little difference. The figures in the

literature for the boiling points of the higher glycols at atmospheric pressure are probably not accurate.

Monothioglycol, HSCH₂CH₂OH, boils at about 160°. The introduction of the –SH group into ethanol raises the boiling point 88°, while the substitution of –OH for a hydrogen of ethyl mercaptan raises the boiling point 154°.

The melting points of polymethylene dimercaptans, glycols, and dibromides are given in Table 9.1, along with those of the n+2 hydrocarbons. As with the mono-derivatives, it seems best to contrast compounds having the same number of heavy atoms.

		TABLE 9.1	
Melting	Points	of Polymethylene	Compounds

No.	HS-SH	НО-ОН	Br–Br	Me–Me
2	-4 1.2	-11.2	10.0	-138.3
3	<i>-7</i> 9.0	-55.0	-34.2	-129.7
4	-53.9	19.5	-21.1	-95.4
5	-72.5	-18.0	-29.5	- 90.6
6	-21.0	42.8	-2.3	-56.8
7	-38.1	22.5	-4 1.7	-53.7
8	0.9	63.0	16.0	-29.7
9	-17.5	45.8	-22.5	-25.6
10	17.8	72.5	27.4	-9.6
11	-5.4	62.2	-10.6	-6.2
12	28.4	80.8	36.8	5.5

These are plotted in the lower part of Fig. 4.1. The melting points of the glycols form a pattern which is very different from those of the other series. The patterns of the dimercaptans and dibromides are strikingly alike. From hexamethylene on up the melting points of the dibromides are alternately above and below those of the mercaptans. Starting with heptamethylene, any dimercaptan, the corresponding dibromide and the hydrocarbon, n+2, melt at very nearly the same temperature.

There are selenium,^{554, 564} and tellurium ⁶⁷² compounds corresponding to the mercaptans but they are not well known. The boiling points are given in Table 10.1, along with those of the mercaptans.

Alkyl	RSH	Difference	RSeH	Difference	RTeH
Methyl	6.0	6.0	12.0 87	45.0	57
Ethyl	34.7	18.8	53.5	36.5	90
Propyl	67.5	16.5	84.0	37.0	121
Butyl	98.0	16.0	114.0	37.0	151

Table 10.1

Boiling Points of RSH, RSeH 124 and RTeH 37

The boiling point given for methyl selenomercaptan appears to be too low a figure; nearer to 20° would look better. Other data are: EtSeH d 24/4 1.3954, n_D 1.47715; PrSeH d 20/4 1.3020, n_D 1.47560; BuSeH d 24.5/4 1.2352, n_D 1.47446; ¹²⁴ i-PrSeH b. 70 to 75°; ⁴⁴¹ DecSeH b₁₃ 128 to 129°; ⁹⁶ cyclohexaneselenol b. 170 to 172°, do 1.1223.⁴⁰⁵

Physical Properties of Mercaptans

Many studies have been made of the physical properties of mercaptans, frequently for comparison with alcohols. The heats of combustion and of formation have been measured for several mercaptans.^{59, 66, 617} The data have been summarized and discussed. The heat of formation of the C–S linkage is greater in the sulfides than in the corresponding mercaptans and still greater in carbon disulfide.⁶⁰¹ The valence force potentials in methyl mercaptan and in methyl sulfide are only slightly different.⁵⁶² The possibility of resonance structures has been considered.⁶⁵³

Cryoscopic measurements ^{18, 567} and the Trouton constants ⁶¹⁴ indicate no association. The fluidities of a series of mercaptans have been compared with those of the alcohols. ^{67a. 67b} They likewise show that the association is low; it decreases as the number of carbon atoms increases. The fluidity at any temperature is given by the equation:

$$\log v = A + B/2.03 RT.$$

The constants A and B are characteristic of individual mercaptans.³⁸⁹ The parachors of alcohols indicate association, while those of the mercaptans do not.⁵⁶⁷

The refractivities and parachors of a number of mercaptans have been determined.⁶³⁷ The refractivities of the isomeric propyl and butyl mercaptans have been determined for nine wave lengths.^{412c}

The refractive index of a normal primary mercaptan, from ethyl to nonyl, is given by the equation:

$$n 25/D = 1.4720 - 0.2190/(C + 2.881)$$

C is the number of carbon atoms. For the secondary, from s-butyl to s-nonyl, the equation is:

n 25/D =
$$1.4730$$
 - $0.2759/(C + 3.075).^{153}$

The mean values for atomic refractivity of sulfur have been given as r_{α} 7.63, r_{D} 7.69, r_{β} 7.83, r_{γ} 7.98.490b From all available data, the atomic refractivity of sulfur in mercaptans has been calculated by three methods. The value proposed is 7.766 \pm 0.011.412b Another survey gives 7.81 \pm 0.04 for aliphatic and 8.56 for aromatic.84

The heat of vaporization of methyl mercaptan, as a function of temperature and pressure, has been compared with data for other compounds.²⁶¹

The effect of a sulfur atom on the magnitude of optical rotation ^{98, 382, 687} and whether or not a Walden inversion ³³¹ takes place during the introduction of a mercapto group have been studied. The rotations of the sulfonic acids from the oxidation of MePhCHSH, EtPhCHSH, *i*-PrPhCHSH and BuPhCHSH are opposite to those of the mercaptans.^{380e}

The surface tension of ethyl mercaptan is much less than that of alcohol.^{272, 273} The densities and dielectric constants of benzene solutions of the isomeric propyl and butyl mercaptans have been measured.^{412d}

The polarographic behavior of the -SH group has been studied. p-Thiocresol gives two anodic waves between pH 2 and pH 12 in propanol-2.⁵³²

Appearance potentials have been determined for several gaseous ions formed by electron impact on ethyl, propyl, and t-butyl mercaptans.²¹⁶

In the infrared, mercaptans have a well-defined absorption band at $3.8\mu^{51}$ or at $3.85.^{90,~662}$ Other bands have been noted at $2.00\mu,^{183}$ at 2.27 and $2.92.^{238}$ Tables are given for the positions

of the absorption bands due to the -S-H of different mercaptans.^{248, 624} The infrared absorption and diffusion spectra show that the C-S and C-O bonds in methyl mercaptan and methanol are highly polarized, giving high dipole moments.^{165a} The wave lengths of the observed bands have been correlated with the known Raman frequencies.⁶¹⁵ The bond-stretching frequencies for RSH are lower when R is t-Bu, CH₂:CHCH₂ or PhCH₂, than when R is a saturated alkyl.⁵⁵⁵ The presence of sulfur in a molecule does not affect the observed frequencies greatly.⁴⁸⁸

There have been many studies of the ultraviolet absorptions of mercaptans. $^{31, 76, 89, 230a, 346, 428, 491, 612, 613}$ The extinction curve for ethyl mercaptan begins at about 300 $\mu\mu$ and has a maximum at about 185. 431 There are bands at 193.5 $\mu\mu$ and at 225. 386 The energies of dissociation of some mercaptans have been calculated from the edge of the continuous absorption in the ultraviolet. 230b The absorption by thiophenol in ethanol is altered greatly by the addition of sodium ethylate. 212

The dispersion equivalent of sulfur in mercaptans has been compared with its value in other sulfur compounds.²⁴⁷

The Raman spectra of a number of mercaptans show the frequency shifts of 2573, 739, and 657, of which 2573 is attributed to the S-H oscillation and the other two to the oscillations of the C-S. The 2573 shift has been observed in hydrogen sulfide. 634 Mercaptans and other sulfur compounds show characteristic frequencies. Photographs have been made of the spectra of methyl, 185, 638, 644a ethyl, 638, 644b n-propyl, 497 i-propyl, 150a, 497 n-butyl, 325 s-butyl, t-butyl, 350 n-amyl, 150b i-amyl, 150b, 610 t-amyl, 350 cyclopentyl, 351 phenyl, 130, 326, 349, 351, 352, 418, 533, 670 and benzyl. The spectra of EtSH and EtSD have been compared. 284

Dipole moments of a number of mercaptans have been measured and compared with those of alkyl sulfides, alcohols and ethers. 300a, 300b, 459, 648, 674 The moments of alkyl sulfides are lower than those of the corresponding ethers, but with the mercaptans and alcohols, this is reversed. The diamagnetic susceptibilities have been used as a means of determining structure. 131, 143 The dielectric constant of ethyl mercaptan vapor has been determined. 362

The ionization constants of mercaptans are of the order of $10^{-11.353}$ The pK values of several are: phenyl 8.3, benzyl 11.8,

ethyl 12.0, hexyl 13.5, octyl 13.8, and dodecyl 13.8.⁴¹⁴ The acidities of thiophenol and of several substituted thiophenols have been determined in 60 and in 100% ethanol.^{547, 548} Their acidities are about two hundred times as great as those of the corresponding phenols.⁵⁴⁸ A more elaborate comparison has been made.⁵⁵⁰ Butyl, phenyl, and tolyl mercaptans show no conductivity in liquid hydrogen sulfide.⁴⁹⁵

Solutions of thiols in concentrated sulfuric acid are deeply colored and show paramagnetic absorptions. Certain similarities have been observed in all the thio compounds, indicating that similar species in all of them contribute to the paramagnetism.²⁸³

Mercaptans form azeotropes with some hydrocarbons but not with others.²⁹⁰ The data in Table 11.1 are taken from recent studies.^{156, 159, 290, 371b} Some azeotropes with alcohols ³⁵⁹ and a ketone ^{371a} are in Table 12.1.

Azeotropes have been used in the separation of mercaptans and alcohols.³⁷⁹ Completely fluorinated organic compounds have been recommended for the azeotropic separation of mercaptans from hydrocarbons.¹²⁵

Table 11.1

Azeotropes with Hydrocarbons

				Azec	trope
Mercaptan	B.p. °C	Hydrocarbons	$^{\mathbf{B.p.}}_{\mathbf{C}}$	$_{ m ^{\circ}C}^{ m B.p.}$	RSH %
Mothel	6.00	<i>i</i> -Butane	-11.70	-13.00	14.9 00
Methyl		· — ·····			
Ethyl	35.04	<i>i</i> -Pentane	27.90	25.72	29.0
		n-Pentane	36.15	30.46	51.0
		2-Methyl-2-butene	37.20	33.00	60.0
		Cyclopentane	49.35	34.95	89.0
		Neohexane	49.70	34.41	83.0
n-Propyl	67.82	i-Hexane	60.40	59.20	23.9
10		2,3-Dimethylbutane	58.10	57.50	16.3
		n-Hexane	68.75	64.35	52.6
		Methylcyclopentane	71.85	66.45	64.2
		Neoheptane	79.20	67.20	81.3
		2,2,3-Trimethylbutane	80.80	67.60	87.4
		Cyclohexane	80.85	67.77	97.6
i-Propyl	52.60	Cyclopentane	49.35	47.75	35.3
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		Neohexane	49.70	47.41	37.7
		2,3-Dimethylbutane	58.10	51.24	67.5
		<i>i</i> -Hexane	60.40	51.70	75.9
		3-Methylpentane	63.35	52.40	87.0

Table 11.1 (Continued)

					trope
	B.p.		B.p.	B.p.	RSH
Mercaptan	°C	Hydrocarbons	°C	°C	%
n-Butyl	98.58	2,3-Dimethylpentane	89.90	89.50	15.1
		$i ext{-} ext{Heptane}$	90.10	89.74	15.4
		trans-1,3-Dimethyl-			
		cyclopentane	90.80	90.50	12.7
		cis-1,2-Dimethyl-			
		cyclopentane	99.60	96.30	52 .0
		3-M ethylhexane	91.60	91.20	22.8
		$n ext{-}\mathbf{Heptane}$	98.40	95.45	49.4
		2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	99.30	95.50	50.3
		Methylcyclohexane	101.00	97.00	58.2
		Ethylcyclopentane	103.40	97.80	72 .1
		Neooctane	106.80	98.01	78.8
		2,5-Dimethylhexane	109.10	98.20	88.0
		3,3-Dimethylhexane	112.20	98.60	97.6
s-Butyl	85.15	Neoheptane	79.20	78.60	23.1
		2,4-Dimethylpentane	80.50	79.50	28.1
		Cyclohexane	80.85	79.97	25.5
		1,1-Dimethylcyclopentane	87.90	83.90	64.1
		2,3-Dimethylpentane	89.90	84.20	68.6
		$i ext{-}\mathbf{Heptane}$	90.10	84.30	72 .1
		3-Methylhexane	91.60	84.70	80.8
		trans-1,3-dimethylcyclo-			
		pentane	90.80	84.70	78.1
<i>i</i> -Butyl	88.72	Neoheptane	79.20	79.10	10.3
		2,4-Dimethylpentane	80.50	80.30	14.1
		Cyclohexane	80.80	80.70	11.7
		2,2,3-Trimethylbutane	81.00	80.60	16.4
		1,1-Dimethylcyclopentane	87.90	85.70	44.2
		2,3-Dimethylpentane trans-1,3-Dimethylcyclo-	89.90	86.30	54.1
		$egin{aligned} & ext{pentane} \ & cis-1,2- ext{Dimethylcyclo-} \end{aligned}$	90.80	87.00	58.6
		pentane	99.60	88.50	98.6
		3-Methylhexane	91.60	87.20	62.8
		Heptane	98.40	88.50	91.3
		2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	99.30	88.40	90.0
t-Butyl	64.35	2,3-Dimethylbutane	57 .80	56.10	21.1
v -		i-Hexane	60.40	59.50	30.4
		3-Methylpentane	63.30	61.50	46.5
		Hexane	68.70	63.80	75.8
		Methylcyclopentane With other compounds	71.80	64.40	95.3
Ethyl	35.04	Ether	34.60	31.50	40.0
Ediy1	£7.00	Methyl formate	31.90	27.00	70.0
		<i>i</i> -Propyl chloride	36.30	36.20	45.0
		Topyi emoriae			10.0

Table 12.1							
Aze otropes	with	Alcohols	and	а	Ketonė		

	RSH B.p., °C	ROH B.p., °C	Azeo B.p., °C	trope % RSH
Propyl	67.5	97.4	66.2	91.35
Butyl	98.0	117.0	9 7.4	85.16
i-Amyl	118.0 RSH	132.0 MeCOEt	115.3	<i>77</i> .11
Propyl	67.5	79.6	65.5	75.00

Data for several properties of the primary mercaptans, from methyl to *n*-nonyl, and of the secondary, from *i*-propyl to *s*-nonyl, are in Tables 13.1, 14.1, and 15.1. The melting points, ⁶⁰⁸ boiling points, densities, indices of refraction, ¹⁸⁴ and fluidities ^{67b} were determined on the same samples. The dissociation constants are

Table 13.1

Melting Points, Boiling Points and Densities
of Mercaptans 184

Alkyl	M.p., °C	B.p.,°C	$\mathbf{d^0_4}$	d ²⁰ ,**	d ²⁶ 4	Expansion $1^{\circ} \times 10^{8}$
Methyl	-123.0 ⁵²⁷	5.96 527	0.8948	0.86689	0.85991	1.6239
Ethyl	-147.3	34.7 ⁶⁰	0.8617	0.83754	0.83147	1.4562
Propyl	-113.3	67.5	0.8617	0.84091	0.83572	1.2430
Butyl	-115.9	98.0*	0.8601	0.84122	0.83651	1.1261
Amyl	- 75.7	126.5	0.8595	0.84190	0.83750	1.0517
Hexyl	- 81.0	151.5	0.8591	0.84243	0.83826	0.9949
Heptyl	- 43.4	176.2	0.8589	0.84292	0.83891	0.9551
Octyl	- 49.2	199.1	0.8590	0.84344	0.83956	0.9252
Nonyl	- 20.1	220.2	0.8591	0.84393	0.84015	0.9008
<i>i</i> -Propyl	-130.7	52.9	0.83559	0.81393	0.80851	1.3397
s-Butyl	-165.0	84.5	0.84906	0.82948	0.82459	1.1870
s-Amyl	-169.0	112.9	0.85068	0.83269	0.82815	1.0969
s-Hexyl	-147.0	138.9	0.85217	0.83483	0.83050	1.0437
s-Heptyl	-141.0	163.6	0.85171	0.83525	0.83114	0.9900
s-Octyl	- 79.0	186.4	0.85281	0.83691	0.83292	0.9542
s-Nonyl	- 69.0	208.2	0.85313	0.83770	0.83384	0.9254

^{*} Average of 97.3 and 98.7°.

^{**} Calculated from d\(^4\) and d\(^25\)4.

from Yabroff.⁶⁷⁹ He determined the solubilities in water of the normal mercaptans, ethyl to amyl, and found that their logarithms, when plotted against the number of carbon atoms, lie on a straight line. The values given in the table were calculated from this line.

Table 14.1

Refractivity, Fluidity, and Solubility in Water of Mercaptans

		M	R		Solubility in	
Alkyl	${ m n_D}^{25}$	Found	Calcu- lated	Fluidity at 20°	Water at 20° grams/liter	
Methyl		_			23.30	2.00
Ethyl	1.4270	19.19	19.13	333.5	6.76	2.52
Propyl	1.4351	23.77	23.74	247.4	1.96	2.26
Butyl	1.4401	28.41	28.36	200.3	0.57	2.21
Amyl	1.4440	33.04	32.98	154.7	0.164	2.00
Hexyl	1.4473	37.68	37.60	121.6	0.047	
Heptyl	1.4498	42.33	42.22	94.7	0.0138	1.77
Octyl	1.4519	46.97	46.83	73.8	0.0040	_
Nonyl	1.4537	51.62	51.45	59.5	0.00115	
<i>i</i> -Propyl	1.4223	23.97	23.74	265.4		
s-Butyl	1.4338	28.46	28.36	-		
s-Amyl	1.4386	33.06	32.98	183.7	_	
s-Hexyl	1.4426	37.69	37.60	143.1		
s-Heptyl	1.4452	42.35	42.22	111.5		
s-Octyl	1.4481	47.00	46.83	86.9	_	_
s-Nonyl	1.4500	51.64	51.45	67.5		·—- ,

Secondary mercaptans are about 15% more fluid than primary mercaptans.

Table 15.1

Boiling Points (°C.) of Mercaptans at Reduced Pressures 184

No.	30 mm.	50 mm.	70 mm.	90 mm.	110 mm.	150 mm.	300 mm.
			Pri	imary			
5			57.7	_	68.7	76.7	95.9
6		72.4	_	86.4		99.7	120.1
7	81.2		101.2			121.6	142.9
8	99.8		120.6			142.1	164.0
9	117.4		138.7	_	_	160.8	184.1

Table 15.1 (Continued)

No.	30 mm.	50 mm.	70 mm.	90 mm.	110 mm.	150 mm.	300 mm.
	-	•	Seco	ondary			-
5	_	_		_	55.9	63.9	83.6
6		60.6		74.2	_	87.5	107.3
7	69.6	_	89.2			109.5	130.4
8	88.9		109.1	_	_	130.1	151.7
9	106.8		128.1	_		149.9	172.4

The usually determined properties of a number of mercaptans are assembled in the following tables. Reference should be made to Tables 13.1 to 15.1 for certain properties of particular groups. All available data are given for each property of each mercaptan. This shows the state of our knowledge of that mercaptan; the references list the chemists who have prepared it. A study of the data in these tables reveals the sketchiness of our knowledge of physical properties. For only a few compounds have accurate determinations of physical properties been made. Credit for a compound is claimed by the first chemist who made it. Credit should go to the one who prepares a product of known purity and supplies accurate data on its physical properties. For any mercaptan, there are as many sets of data as there are authors. Small differences are to be expected in independent determinations of any property, but glaring discrepancies are frequent. We find two melting points, 32.5° and 56°, for octadecyl mercaptan. The higher one is probably the melting point of the disulfide which was mistaken for the mercaptan. This may be true in other cases.

Distillation temperatures, taken under unknown barometric pressure with any thermometer that may be handy and uncorrected, masquerade as "boiling points." At low pressures the "boiling points" are even less reliable, since the vapor pressures have little slope and a small error in reading the manometer vitiates the result. We find in the tables n-hexyl b₉₀ 86.4° and b₁₀₀ 84°, n-decyl b₂ 96°, b₅ 96° to 97° and oleyl b_{0.05} 171° to 175° and b_{0.2} 171° to 178°. Boiling points at pressures less than 1 mm. may have little meaning.

Densities are frequently given at odd temperatures as ethyl mer-

captan d $16.7/4\,0.8428$. The d₂₁ 0.835 may mean d 21/21 or 21/4. It is impossible to compare such data with determinations at standard temperatures. It is desirable for densities to be given at two temperatures, 0/4 and 20/4 or 25/4, so that densities at other temperatures may be calculated. Discrepancies between determinations at the same temperature may be attributed to impurities in the samples. Thus for ethyl mercaptan, we find for d $25/4\,0.83147$ and 0.8373.

For many compounds there is a sad deficiency of data. Thus we find for 2-mercaptoisohexane only $[\alpha]$ 20/D 21.2°, for pentanethiol-3 only b. 105° and for nonanethiol-5 only b₇ 72°. Densities, but no refractive indices, are given for some compounds and vice versa for others.

Physical Properties of Aliphatic Mercaptans

Methyl, CH₃SH, m. -130.5° , 113 , 635 -121.0° , 60 , 618 -123.1° , 608 -123.0° ; 527 b. 5.96° , 40 , 527 7.2°, 138 6°; 9 , 12 , 278c , 646b b₇₅₂ 5.8°, 19 , 344b b₆₀₁ 0°, 152 b₁ -90.7° , b₅ -75.3° , b₁₀ -67.5° , b₂₀ -58.8° , b₄₀ -49.2° , b₆₀ -43.1° , b₁₀₀ -34.8° , b₂₀₀ -22.1° , b₄₀₀ -7.9° , b₇₆₀ 6.8°, b_{2at} 26.1°, b_{5at} 55.9°, b_{10at} 83.4°, b_{20at} 117.5°, b_{30at} 140.0°, b_{40at} 157.7°, b_{50at} 172.0°, b_{60at} 185.0°; critical temperature 196.8°; critical pressure 71.4 at.; T_{bp}/T_c 0.598; 60 vapor-pressure equation: 527

$$\log p = 18.2749 - 1769.05/T - 3.70248 \log T$$

d 0/4 0.8961, d 26.3/4 0.8589, d 35.5/4 0.8472, d 49.7/4 0.8267, d 78/4 0.7840,60 d 0/4 0.894.9 Heat of fusion 1411.4 cal./mole, heat of vaporization 5872 cal./mole, entropy 60.16 cal./degree/mole,527 60.91 at 25°.40 The heat of combustion at constant pressure is 298.81 cal. and the heat of formation 5.37, at constant volume 43.75.617 A late value is -17.172.66 The heat capacity at 25°, 12.12 cal./degree/mole, and other properties have been determined.40 The Raman spectrum has been studied 644a and valency forces and bond distances determined.165b, 219

 $Ethyl, \ \, CH_3CH_2SH, \ \, m. \ \, -147.90^{\circ}, ^{401} \ \, -147.97^{\circ}, ^{156} \ \, -147.89^{\circ}, ^{262} \\ -147.3^{\circ}, ^{608} \ \, -147.0^{\circ}, ^{618} \ \, -144.4^{\circ}; ^{113}, ^{635} \ \, b. \ \, 35.00^{\circ}, ^{262}, ^{401} \ \, 35.04^{\circ}, ^{156} \\ 34.7^{\circ}, ^{60} \ \, b_{752} \ \, 34.4 - 4.6^{\circ}, ^{164} \ \, b_{768} \ \, 35.3^{\circ}, ^{300a} \ \, 36.2^{\circ}, ^{19}, ^{387b}, ^{440}, ^{646b}, ^{646c} \\ 33^{\circ}, ^{614} \ \, 36^{\circ}, ^{278c}, ^{646b} \ \, 37^{\circ}, ^{12}, ^{61a}, ^{113}, ^{635} \ \, 36.5 - 7^{\circ}, ^{644b} \ \, b_1 \ \, -76.1^{\circ}, ^{b_5} \\ -59.1^{\circ}, \ \, b_{10} \ \, -50.2^{\circ}, \ \, b_{20} \ \, -40.7^{\circ}, ^{b_{40}} \ \, -29.8^{\circ}, ^{b_{60}} \ \, -22.4^{\circ}, ^{b_{100}} \ \, -13.0^{\circ}, ^{b_{200}} \\ b_{200} \ \, 1.5^{\circ}, ^{b_{400}} \ \, 17.7^{\circ}, ^{b_{760}} \ \, 35.0^{\circ}, ^{b_{2at}} \ \, 56.6^{\circ}, ^{b_{5at}} \ \, 90.7^{\circ}, ^{b_{20at}} \ \, 159.5^{\circ}, ^{b_{30at}} \ \, 184.3^{\circ}, ^{b_{40at}} \ \, 204.7^{\circ}, ^{b_{50at}} \ \, 220^{\circ}; ^{60} \ \, d \ \, 0/4 \ \, 0.86174, ^{184} \ \, 0.8609, ^{432} \\ 0.8623, ^{60} \ \, d \ \, 20/4 \ \, 0.8375, ^{156} \ \, 0.83907, ^{440} \ \, 0.8391, ^{61a}, ^{177} \ \, 0.83914, ^{262} \, \, \, 0.8391, ^{4262} \, \, 0.8391, ^$

 $0.8398,^{300a} \ d \ 16.7/4 \ 0.8428,^{499} \ d_{21} \ 0.835,^{387b} \ d_{17} \ 0.845,^{686a, \ 686b}$ d 21/4 0.8380, 113, 635 d 25/4 0.83147, 184 0.8373, 169 0.83316, 262 d 15.4/4 0.8454, d 23.7/4 0.8357, d 31.7/4 0.8259, d. 38.7/4 0.8162, d 48.4/4 0.8043, d 78.4/4 0.7652; 60 n 20/D 1.4318.156 1.43055,440 1.4306,¹⁷⁷ 1.43119,^{300a} 1.43055,^{61a, 61b} n 25/D 1.4270.¹⁸⁴ Critical temperature 206.9°, 499 228°, 196 228.3°, 635 225.5°; 60 critical pressure 54.2 at., 60 63.5 at.; 635 T_{bp}/T_{c} 0.616; 60 solubility in water 1.5 g./liter,²⁷² 7 g./liter at 20° or 0.112 moles/liter,⁶⁷⁹ 13 g./liter at 25°; 284 surface tension 23.63 dynes/cm. at 2° and 21.62 at 16.7°,499 21.82 at 20°.272 At 99° the vapor density is 2.201 compared to air, calculated 2.144.168 Explosive limits 2.8 and 18.2% by volume of vapor; minimum ignition temperature 299° in air, 261° in oxygen. 322 The Trouton constant indicates no association.614 The association at boiling point is 1.23.646c The heat of formation is 19.5 cal., 59 13.27 at constant pressure and 90.03 at constant volume.617 The heat of combustion is 455.65 cal. at constant pressure.617 At 25° the entropy is 70.6 cal./degree/mole and the heat capacity 17.6 cal./mole.40 The heat of vaporization is 6860 cal.⁶¹⁴ The diamagnetic susceptibility is 46.97.¹²⁹ The dielectric constant is 7.95 and the association factor 1.04.499, 646a Its dipole moment in benzene at 15° is 1.38×10^{-18} ,649 1.39.300a Ethyl mercaptan and ethyl sulfide are V-shaped molecules.300a The dipole moment has been compared with those of 250 other compounds. 459 The first ionization potential is 9.7 v. 597 The viscosity has been measured in several solvents. 61b The viscosities of mixtures of ethyl mercaptan and ethanol are slightly below the calculated. 169 Its Raman spectrum has been compared with those of ethyl alcohol and of halides.644b In liquid ammonia sodium ethyl mercaptide has a dissociation constant of about 22.5, which is about six times that of sodium phenate.³⁶⁰ The thermodynamic properties have been thoroughly studied. 40, 401 $-113.3^{\circ},608$ CH₃CH₂CH₂SH. -113.80°, 156 m.

n-Propyl, CH₃CH₂CH₂SH, m. $-113.3^{\circ},^{608}$ $-113.80^{\circ},^{156}$ $-111.5^{\circ};^{618}$ b. $67.82^{\circ},^{156}$ $67-8^{\circ},^{19},^{519},^{668a}$ $68-8.5^{\circ},^{61a}$ $67^{\circ},^{12},^{278c}$ $67.5^{\circ},^{632}$ b₇₆₃ $63-7^{\circ},^{300b}$ b₇₀₁ $65.10^{\circ};^{412c}$ d 20/4 0.8407, 156 0.8337°, 61a 0.8391, 300b d 25/4 0.83598; 412c n 20/D 1.4348, 300b 1.4380, 156 , 632 1.4391, 61a , 61b n 25/D 1.435, 632 1.43511; 412c 3,5-dinitrobenzoate m. $86^{\circ}.^{395}$ The solubility in water at 20° is 0.025 mole or 1.90 g./liter. 679 The Raman spectra of a number of n-propyl and i-propyl compounds have been compared. 497 The critical oxidation potential is 0.812 for n-PrSH and 0.819 for i-PrSH; 199 the diamagnetic susceptibility is $58.51.^{131}$

i-Propyl, Me₂CHSH, m. -130.63° , ¹⁵⁶ -130.7° ; b. 52.9° , ¹⁸⁴ 56° , ^{278c} $57-60^{\circ}$, ¹⁹, ^{128a} $58-9^{\circ}$; ³⁹⁵ b_{697} 49.90° , ^{412e} d 0/4 0.83559, ¹⁸⁴ d 20/4 0.8142, ¹⁵⁶ d 25/4 0.80851, ¹⁸⁴ 0.80895; ^{412e} n 20/D 1.4256, ¹⁵⁶ n 25/D 1.4223, ¹⁸⁴ 1.42154; ^{412e} 3,5-dinitrobenzoate m. 86° . ³⁹⁵ The lines of the Raman spectra have been determined. ^{150a}

n-Butyl, CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂SH, m. -115.9° , 608 -116.12° ; b. 98.58°, 156 b. 98.0°, 184 98°, 632 97°, 12 97–8°, 11 , 19 , 61a , 249 95–7°, 80 b₇₆₀ 98.7°, 325 b₇₅₈ 97.2°, 300b b₇₅₀ 96–8°, 164 b₇₀₂ 96.10°; 412c d₀ 0.858, d₁₈ 0.843, 534 d 0/4 0.86006, 184 d 20/4 0.8397, 300b 0.8333, 61a 0.8408, 156 d 25/4 0.83651, 184 0.83679; 412c n 20/D 1.4411, 300b 1.44402, 61a , 61b 1.4426, 156 1.44074, 412c 1.4431, 632 1.4420, 164 1.442, 11 n 25/D 1.4401. 184 The solubility in water at 20° is 0.0066 mole or 0.596 g./liter. 679 The heat of immersion of silica gel in n-butyl mercaptan is 25.9 cal./g., in water 25.4, and in hexane only 7.9. 586 This mercaptan has been included in a study of Raman spectra. 325 The ionization constant in aqueous t-butanol is 11.51. 207

i-Butyl, Me₂CHCH₂SH, b. 88.72°, ¹⁵⁶ 88°, ^{278c, 299} b₇₅₄ 86.6–7.8°, ⁴⁴⁰ b₇₀₂ 96.10°; ^{412c} d_{11.5} 0.848, ²⁹⁹ d 20/4 0.8350, ¹⁵⁶ 0.83573, ^{177, 440} d 25/4 0.82880; ^{412c} n 20/D 1.4386, ¹⁵⁶ 1.43859, ^{177, 440} n 25/D 1.43582, ^{412c}

s-Butyl, CH₃CH₂CH (SH) CH₃, m. -165.0° ; 184 b. 85.15° , 156 84.5°, 184 84 -5° , 513 83 -5° , 331 89 -91° , 200 b₁₃₄ 37.4°; 412c d 0/4 0.84906, 184 d 17/4 0.8289 (d 25/4 0.8211), 513 d 20/4 0.8294, 156 0.8290, 439b d 25/4 0.82459, 184 0.82456; 412c n 20/D 1.4367, 156 1.4365, 439b n 25/D 1.4338, 184 1.43385; 412c l b. 83 -4° ; [α] 20/D -11.99° ; 408 d b. 85 -95° ; [α] 20/D 15.71°, 380c 12.45°. 215

 $t\text{-Butyl},\ \mathrm{Me_{3}CSH},\ \mathrm{m}.\ 1.26^{\circ},^{402}\ 1.11^{\circ},^{262}\ 0.82^{\circ},^{156}\ 0^{\circ},\ ^{23},\ ^{573}\ -0.5^{\circ};\ ^{515}\ \mathrm{b}.\ 64.22^{\circ},^{402}\ 64.2^{\circ},^{262}\ 64.35^{\circ},^{156}\ 63.3^{\circ},^{23},\ ^{573}\ 63^{\circ},^{442}\ 63.9-4.3^{\circ},^{350}\ 65-6^{\circ},^{162}\ 63.7-4.2^{\circ},^{515}\ 64^{\circ},^{21}\ 63-5^{\circ},^{314}\ \mathrm{b}_{700.8}\ 61.60^{\circ};\ ^{412c}\ \mathrm{d}\ 20/4\ 0.7999,^{156}\ 0.7981,^{573}\ 0.80020,^{262}\ \mathrm{d}\ 25/4\ 0.79472,^{262},^{402}\ 0.79426,^{412c}\ \mathrm{d}\ 30/4\ 0.78929;\ ^{262}\ \mathrm{n}\ 15/\mathrm{D}\ 1.4249,^{23},^{573}\ \mathrm{n}\ 18/\mathrm{D}\ 1.4212,^{442}\ \mathrm{n}\ 20/\mathrm{D}\ 1.4230,^{156}\ 1.4225,^{573}\ 1.4231,^{314}\ 1.4235,^{581}\ 1.42320,^{262}\ \mathrm{n}\ 25/\mathrm{D}\ 1.42007,^{262},^{402}\ 1.41984,^{412c}\ \mathrm{n}\ 30/\mathrm{D}\ 1.41697;\ ^{262}\ viscosity,\ surface\ tension\ and\ derived\ functions;\ ^{262}\ solubility\ in\ water\ at\ 20^{\circ}\ 0.0107\ mole\ or\ 0.964\ g./liter.^{679}\ The\ thermodynamic\ properties\ have\ been\ thoroughly\ investigated\ from\ 0^{\circ}-1000^{\circ}\mathrm{K}.^{402}$

n-Amyl, CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂SH, m. -75.83° , 201 -75.7° ; $^{262, 608}$ b. 126.64° , 201 126.5° , 184 , 262 126° , 12 , 476 $126-7^{\circ}$, 278b $125-6^{\circ}$, 25 b₇₅₅ 125° ; 439b d 0/4 0.8595, 184 d 20/4 0.8390, 439b 0.84209, 262 d 25/4

 $0.8375,^{184}$ 0.83763, d 30/4 $0.83317;^{262}$ n_D $1.44366,^{476}$ n 20/D $1.4450,^{439b}$ $1.44692,^{262}$ n 25/D $1.4440,^{184}$ 1.44439, n 30/D $1.44180;^{262}$ viscosity, surface tension and derived functions; 262 solubility in water at 20° 0.0015 mole or 0.156 g./liter; 679 heat of formation 34.65 cal. 59 Thermodynamic properties have been thoroughly investigated. 201

i-Amyl, Me₂CHCH₂CH₂SH, b. 117°,³⁶¹ 118–20°,³³⁶ 119.8°,³⁵⁷ 119.5°,⁴⁹ 116.6–8.0°,¹⁷⁷. ⁴⁴⁰. ^{490b} b₇₅₂ 116.5°; ⁵³⁸ d₀ 0.8548,³⁵⁷ d₂₁ 0.835,³⁶¹ d 20/4 0.83475,¹⁷⁷. ⁴⁴⁰. ^{490b} 0.8322; ^{439b} n 20/D 1.4420,³³⁶ 1.44118,¹⁷⁷. ⁴⁴⁰. ^{490b} 1.4445; ^{439b} dielectric K 4.35 at 22°,⁵³⁸ 4.9 at 18°, 4.4 at 26° and 4.25 at 33°; ¹⁷⁸ molecular volume at 0° 121.6; ²⁹¹ critical temperature 320.92°. ¹⁹⁶

D-2-Methylbutyl, CH₃CH₂CH (CH₃) CH₂SH, b. 118–9.5°, 98. 687 b₇₄₅ 117.4–7.6°, 270 116–7°, 380g 119–21°; 643 d 25/4 0.8403, 98. 687 d₁₃ 0.848333, 270 d₂₃ 0.8415; 643 [α] 2.20°, 98. 687 [α] 13/D 2.04°, 270 [α] 23/D 3.21°, 643 [α] 25/D 2.99°. 380g

s-Amyl, CH₃CH₂CH₂CH (SH) CH₃, m. -169.0° , b. 112.9° ; d 0/4 0.85086, d 25/4 0.82815; n 25/D 1.4386; ¹⁸⁴ act. b. 112° ; [α] 20/D -4.66° . ^{380f}

Pentanethiol-3, CH₃CH₂CH (SH) CH₂CH₃, b. 105°.^{404a} t-Amyl, CH₃CH₂CMe₂SH, b. 78°,⁵¹⁴ 97°,²⁰ 97.2–9.4°,³⁵⁰ 98–100°; n 20/D 1.4379.³¹⁴

n-Hexyl, CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂SH, m. -81.03°; ⁶⁰⁸ b. 151.5°, ¹⁸⁴ 147°, ¹² 152–3°, ⁹⁶ 145–8°, ⁴⁷² 151–2°, ²⁵ b₇₆₈ 149°, ^{278a, 278b} b₉₀ 86.4°, ¹⁸⁴ b₁₀₀ 84°; ^{170b} d 0/4 0.85911, d 25/4 0.83826, ¹⁸⁴ 0.8367, ^{170b} d 20/4 0.8526, ^{439b} d₂₀ 0.8486; ^{278a, 278b} n 25/D 1.4473, ¹⁸⁴ 1.4460, ^{170b} n 20/D 1.4490. ^{439b}

s-Hexyl, $CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$, m. -147.0°; b. 138.9°, ¹⁸⁴ 142°, ¹⁸⁷ b₅₀ 60.6°; d 0/4 0.85217, d 25/4 0.83050; n 25/D 1.4426, ¹⁸⁴ 1.4418.80

Hexanethiol-3, $CH_3CH_2CH_2CH(SH)CH_2CH_3$, b_{25} 57°; d 20/4 0.831°; n 20/D 1.4428.⁵⁷⁷

2-Mercaptoisohexane, Me₂CHCH₂CH (SH) Me, partially recemized $[\alpha]$ 20/D 21.2°.380d

n-Heptyl, CH₃ (CH₂)₅-CH₂SH, m. -43.4°; ⁶⁰⁸ b. 176.2°, b₃₀ 81.2°, ¹⁸⁴ b. 174–5°, ^{668b} 174°, ¹² 174–6°, ¹ 176–7°, ²⁵ b₄₉ 90–3°; ^{190a} d 0/4 0.85894, d 25/4 0.83891, ¹⁸⁴ 0.8399; ^{190a} n 25/D 1.4498, ¹⁸⁴ 1.4488. ^{190a}

s-Heptyl, CH₃(CH₂)₄CH (SH) CH₃, m. -141.0°; b. 163.6°, b₃₀ 69.6°, ¹⁸⁴ b₇₆₅ 164-5°; ^{278d, 279} d 0/4 0.85181, d 25/4 0.83114, ¹⁸⁴

 d_{20} 0.8353; $^{278d,\ 279}$ n 25/D 1.4452, 184 n 20/D 1.44596; $^{278d,\ 279}$ solubility in water at 20° 0.009 g./liter. 679

Heptanethiol-4, $(CH_3CH_2CH_2)_2CHSH$, b. 135–8°, 404a 157–9°, b₇ 40°. 339b

2,4-Dimethylpentanethiol-3, i-Pr₂CHSH, b. 110-3°.404a

n-Octyl, CH₃(CH₂)₆CH₂SH, m. –49.2°; ⁶⁰⁸ b. 199.1°, b₃₀ 99.8°, ¹⁸⁴ b. 199–200°, ²⁵ b₁₆ 83–4°, ^{170b} 198–200°; ³²⁴ d 0/4 0.85998, d 25/4 0.83956, ¹⁸⁴ 0.8349; ^{170b} n 25/D 1.4519, ¹⁸⁴ 1.4460; ^{170b} ionization constant 11.72.²⁰⁷

s-Octyl, $CH_3(CH_2)_5CH(SH)CH_3$, m. -79.0°; b. 186.4°, ¹⁸⁴ b_{0.5} 69-71°, ¹³⁷ b₃₀ 88.9°, ¹⁸⁴ b₂₂ 78-80°, ³³¹ b₂₃ 85°; ^{170c, 190a} d 0/4 0.85281, ¹⁸⁴ d₂₅ 0.9023, ¹³⁷ d 25/4 0.83293, ¹⁸⁴ 0.8314; ^{170c, 190a} n 25/D 1.4481, ¹⁸⁴ 1.4455, ^{170c, 190a} 1.4586; ¹³⁷ [α]_D 9.30°, ^{380b} i Octyl, CH SH b. 75° d 20/4 0.8280; p. 20/D 1.45100 61a.

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m b}_{18}$ 75°, d 20/4 0.8280; n 20/D 1.45100.61a, 61b

2-Ethylhexyl, CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂CHEtCH₂SH, b₁₉ 80°, ^{190a} b₃₅ 90°; ^{190b} d 25/4 0.8467; ^{190a}, ^{190b} n 25/D 1.4524, ^{190b} 1.4541. ^{190a}

t-Octyl, $(CH_3)_3CCH_2C(CH_3)_2SH$, b_{50} 76–7°, 175a 75.5–6.5°; n 20/D 1.4538. 581

n-Nonyl, CH₃(CH₂)₇CH₂SH, m. –20.1°; ⁶⁰⁸ b. 220.2°, ¹⁸⁴ b_{4.5} 75–6°, ²⁵ b₁₁ 95–6°, ⁶²¹ b₃₀ 117.4°, ¹⁸⁴ b₂₀ 100–4°; ⁴⁵⁰ d 0/4 0.85907, d 25/4 0.84015, ¹⁸⁴ d 20/4 0.8371, ⁴⁵⁰ 0.8425; ⁶²¹ n 20/D 1.45197, ⁴⁵⁰ 1.4560, ⁶⁴¹ n 25/D 1.4537. ¹⁸⁴

s-Nonyl, $CH_3(CH_2)_6CH(SH)CH_3$, m. -69.0°; b. 208.2°, b₃₀ 106.8°; d 0/4 0.85313, d 25/4 0.83384; n 25/D 1.4500.¹⁸⁴

Nonanethiol-5, Bu₂CHSH, b₇ 72°.339b

2,6-Dimethylheptanethiol-4, i-Bu₂CHSH, b. 155-8°.404a

n-Decyl, CH₃ (CH₂) $_8$ CH₂SH, b₂ 96°, $_6^{621}$ b₅ 96–7°, $_2^{25}$ b₁₃ 114–5°, $_9^{96}$ b₁₉ 125–7°, b_{21.5} 126.5–6.8°; $_7^{570}$ d 20/4 0.8395, $_7^{450}$ 0.8414; $_7^{621}$ n 20/D 1.45367, $_7^{450}$ 1.4576, $_7^{621}$ 1.4569.

n-Undecyl, CH₃ (CH₂)₉CH₂SH, b₃ 103–4°, ²⁵ b₂₀ 139.9–40.0°, ⁵⁷⁰ b₂₁ 138–41°; d 20/4 0.8417; n 20/D 1.45816, ⁴⁵⁰ 1.4588. ⁵⁷⁰

 $n\text{-Dodecyl, Lauryl, CH}_3(\mathrm{CH}_2)_{10}\mathrm{CH}_2\mathrm{SH, m.}$ 18–20°; 135 b $_{1-1.5}$ 95–6°, 605 b $_3$ 111–2°, 25 b $_5$ 124°, 367 b $_{6.5}$ 114–6°, 353 b $_{15}$ 142–5°, $^{179,\ 182,\ 276b}$ b $_{20.5}$ 153.7–3.9°, 570 b $_{24}$ 153–5°, 450 b $_{26}$ 155°, 170b b $_{39}$ 165–9°; 630 d 20/4 0.8435, 450 d 25/4 0.8411; n 25/D 1.4558, 170b n 20/D 1.45886, 450 1.4589. $^{214.\ 353,\ 570}$

4-Butyloctanethiol-1, Bu₂CHCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂SH, b_{2.5} 98–9°; d 20/4 0.858; n 20/D 1.4625. 214

5-Propylnonanethiol-5, Bu₂PrCSH, b_{2.5} 84°; d 20/4 0.860; n 20/D $1.4633.^{214}$

2-Methylundecanethiol-2, Me₂C (SH) C_9H_{20} , $b_{1.3}$ 73–5°; d 20/4 0.853; n 20/D 1.4558.²¹⁴

t-Dodecyl, C₁₂H₂₅SH (from triisobutylene), b. 227-8°.⁵²

n-Tridecyl, $CH_3(CH_2)_{11}CH_2SH$, b_{22} 162–6°, 450 169.6–71.7°; 570 d 20/4 0.8453; n 20/D 1.45906, 450 1.4595.570

n-Tetradecyl, myristyl, CH₃(CH₂)₁₂CH₂SH, m. 7°; b₂₀ 179.8–80.9°; 570 b₂₂ 176–80°; d 20/4 0.8469; n 20/D 1.46005, 450 1.4607. 570 *n*-Pentadecanethiol-8, (C₇H₁₅)₂CHSH, m. -10.5°; b₁₀ 158–60°; n 25/D 1.4580. $^{170c, 190a}$

Cetyl, CH₃ (CH₂)₁₄CH₂SH, m. 19°,²² 18°,^{31, 206, 674} 52° *,¹³⁵ 50.5° *; ²²¹ b_{0.5} 123–8°,²⁰⁶ b₁ 150°,^{170b} b₅ 173–5°, b₁₀ 187–9°,²² b_{0.6} 135–40°; ⁶⁷⁴ magnetic susceptibility $-390.4.^{143}$

n-Heptadecanethiol-7, $CH_3(CH_2)_5CH(SH)(CH_2)_9CH_3$, b_1 153°; d 25/4 0.8384; n 25/D 1.4594.^{170e}

n-Heptadecanethiol-9, $(C_8H_{17})_2$ CHSH, b_{18} 196–7°. ^{190a} n-Octadecyl, $CH_3(CH_2)_{16}$ CH₂SH, m. 56° *, ¹³⁵ 32.5°. ⁵⁵⁷ Melissyl, $CH_3(CH_2)_{28}$ CH₂SH, m. 94.5°. ⁴⁷⁷

Allyl, CH₂:CH₂SH, b. 90°, 109 , 155 , 288 63–6°, 493 66–7°, 21 67–9°, 22 67–8°; d 23/4 0.9250, 94 d 20/4 0.9304; n 20/D 1.4680; 498 3,5-dinitrobenzoate, m. 52°. 395

Crotyl, 2-butenethiol-1, CH₃·CH:CH·CH₂SH, b. 99–101°; d 23/4 0.8830.95

1-Butenethiol-4, CH₂:CH·CH₂·CH₂SH, b. 98-103°; d 22/4 0.9087.95

Methallyl, *i*-butenyl mercaptan, *i*-butenethiol-3, b. 93.5°,²² b. 92.5°; d 20/4 0.9137; n 20/D 1.4872.⁶⁰⁴

1-Pentenyl, 1-pentenethiol-5, CH₂:CH•CH₂CH₂CH₂SH, b. 135–7°; d 18.5/4 1.0748.95

2-i-Pentenyl, 2-i-pentenethiol-4, $(CH_3)_2C:CH\cdot CH_2SH$, b. 125–7°; d 18/4 0.8987.95

Oleyl, $CH_3(CH_2)_7CH:CH(CH_2)_7CH_2SH$, $b_{0.05}$ 171–5°, $b_{0.2}$ 171–8°; n 20/D 1.4669, n 17/D 1.4712.375a

Cyclopentyl, ('CH₂CH₂)₂CHSH, b. $131.5-2^{\circ}$,³⁹¹ 130° ,⁶²⁰ $130-2.4^{\circ}$,³⁵¹ $129.5-30.5^{\circ}$; ⁶¹⁹ d 20/4 0.9485,⁶²⁰ 0.9551; ⁶¹⁹ n 20/D 1.4882,⁶²⁰ 1.4871.⁶¹⁹

Cyclohexyl, $CH_2(CH_2CH_2)_2CHSH$, b. 158–60°,83a 155°,528b b_{755} 150–2°,405 b_{763} 157°,146 b_{757} 156°,146 157–62°,334 158–60°,83a

^{*} Probably disulfide.

 $155-65^{\circ},^{575}$ $162-5^{\circ},^{582}$ b_{12} $41^{\circ},^{442}$ b_{100} $90^{\circ},^{170c},$ $^{190a},$ $^{190b},$ $^{605},$ 620 $88-9^{\circ},^{619}$ b_{64} $93-7^{\circ},^{681}$ b_{19} $51-4^{\circ};$ 652 d_0 0.9905, d_{20} $0.9782,^{405}$ d 20/4 $0.9525,^{619}$ $0.9584,^{620}$ 0.9486; $^{170c},$ 190a n_D $1.481,^{405}$ n 18/D $1.4988,^{442}$ n 20/D $1.4933,^{170c},$ $^{190a},$ 652 $1.4910,^{619}$ $1.4911,^{620}$ n 25/D $1.4738,^{575}$

Cyclopentylmethyl, $C_5H_9CH_2SH$, b. 170°; ⁴³³, ⁴³⁴ d_{25} 0.91, ⁴³³ d_{25} 0.938; ⁴³⁴ n 25/D 1.4770. ⁴³³, ⁴³⁴

Cycloheptyl, (·CH₂CH₂CH₂)₂ CHSH, b₁₁ 74°.³⁹¹

3-Methylcyclopentylmethyl, MeC $_5H_8CH_2SH$, b. 180°; d $_{25}$ 0.928; n 25/D 1.4675. 433 , 434

2-Methylcyclohexyl, m. 0°; 442 b. 161°, 528b 165°, 146 b₁₄ 56°. 442

3-Methylcyclohexyl, b. 172–4°,83b 168°,528b 145°, b₃₀ 80–2°.681 cis-3-Methylcyclohexyl, b. 165°; d₂₅ 0.916; n 25/D 1.4647; 433. 434 [α]₅₄₆ –2.74°.433

trans-3-Methylcyclohexyl, b. 171°; d_{25} 0.9140; n 25/D 1.4663; 433 , 434 [α]₅₄₆ 5.50°. 433

4-Methylcyclohexyl, b. 169°.528b

3-Methylcyclohexylmethyl, $CH_3C_6H_{10}CH_2SH$, b. 190°; ^{433, 434} d_{25} 0.9350; ⁴³⁴ 0.932; ⁴³³ n 25/D 1.4720.^{433, 434}

 $\beta\text{-Tetrahydronaphthyl},\ b_{15}\ 151\text{--}1.5^\circ;\ d\ 20/4\ 1.0884;\ n\ 20/D\ 1.5972.^{620}$

β-Decahydronaphthyl, b_{20} 122°, 433 b_{25} 122°; 434 d_{25} 0.980, 433 d_{20} 0.9950; 434 n 25/D 1.5110. 433 , 434

1-Cyclopentenyl, C₅H₇SH, b. 116°; d 19.5/4 0.8947.95

2-Cyclohexenyl, C_6H_9SH , b. 156°; d_{25} 0.953; n 25/D 1.4686.⁴³⁴ β -Cyclohexylethyl, $C_6H_{11}CH_2CH_2SH$, b_1 50–2.5°; n 25/D 1.4910.¹²⁹

2,2,6,6-Tetramethylcyclohexyl, Me $_4$ C $_6$ H $_7$ SH, m. 36°; b $_7$ 81–2°.

 ϵ -Cyclohexylamyl, $C_6H_{11}CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2SH$, b_1 89.5–91°; n 25/D 1.4820.¹²⁹

 δ - (\$\beta\$-Decahydronaphthyl) butyl, $C_{10}H_{17}CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2SH,$ $b_{0.5}$ 124°; n 25/D 1.5092.

Cholesteryl, $C_{27}H_{45}SH$, m. 99.5°; 593, 645 [α]_D -23.85°.645

Furfuryl, $C_4H_3OCH_2SH$, b. 155° , 243 b_{65} 84° ; 243 , 342 d 20/4 1.13186; n 20/D 1.5329. 342

5-Methylfurfuryl, MeC₄H₂OCH₂SH, b₃ 70°; n 20/D 1.5258.³⁴⁰ 2-Thiophenethiol, C₄H₃S·SH, b. 171.1°, ¹⁰⁷ 166°, ⁴²³ b₁₅ 86°; d 19.5/4 1.168; n 15/D 1.5750, ¹⁰⁸ n 20/D 1.6201; ¹⁰⁷Ac., b. 230–2°. ⁴²³

3-Thiophenethiol, C_4H_3S-SH , b. 171°; d 25/4 1.247; n 20/D 1.6157.100

2-Ethyl-3-thiophenethiol, b. 195–7°. 116 Trimethylsilyl, Me₃SiSH, b. 77–8°. 119

Dimercaptans

gem-Dithiols, RCH(SH)₂ and R₂C(SH)₂ ¹¹⁰

 $H_2C(SH)_2$, b_{80} 58°; n 25/D 1.5840; diBz., m. 119.5°

EtCH(SH)₂, b. 142°, b₄₂ 60°; d 25/4 1.043; n 25/D 1.5214; diAc., b_{0.4} 61–2°; n 25/D 1.5150.

 $MeCMe_2CH_2CHMeCH_2CH(SH)_2$, $b_{0.5}$ 60–3°; d 25/4 0.935; n 25/D 1.4875; diAė., $b_{0.2}$ 96–100°; n 25/D 1.4930.

 $Me_2C(SH)_2$, m. 4–8°; b. 113–6°, b_{105} 61–2°; d 25/4 1.006; n 25/D 1.5063.

 $Et_2C(SH)_2$, $b_{47}80-2^\circ$; n 25/D 1.5042.

 $H_2C(CH_2CH_2)_2C(SH)_2$, b_6 69–73°; d 25/4 1.083; n 25/D 1.5440.

PhCH (SH)₂, $b_{0.9}$ 74-6°; n 25/D 1.6218; diAc., m. 38°; $b_{0.5}$ 122°; n 25/D 1.580°; diBz., m. 138°.

Table 16.1
Some Properties of α,ω-Dimercaptans ²⁶⁶

No.	m.p. °C	ь ₁₀ °С	ь ₁₀₀	b _{7∞} °C	dº/4	d ²⁵ /4	n ²⁵ / _D	Latent Heat of Vaporization
2	-41.2 ⁶²⁷	·		146.0	1.1454	1.1192	1.5558	827
3	-79.0 ⁴¹⁷	· —	104.6	172.9	1.1007	1.0775	1.5371	
4	-53.9	74.5	127.7	195.6	1.0621	1.0395	1.5265	11,135
5	-72.5	90.1	147.2	217.3	1.0375	1.0158	1.5194	11,842
6	-21.0	106.0	163.8	237.1	1.0102	0.9886	1.5077	12,246
7	-38 .1	119.5	178.0	252.2	0.9900	0.9707	1.4950	12,845
8	0.9	132.0	192.4	269.3	0.9814	0.9620	1.5009	13,217
9	-17.5	145.0	206.5	284.0	0.9698	0.9510	1.4940	13,897
10	17.8	161.0	219.5	297.1		0.9432	1.4950	14,590
11	-5.4	171.5	230.6	308.8	_	0.9368	1.4931	15,090
12	28.4	181.5	241.0	319.3 *	_	0.9270 †	_	15,660

^{*} Extrapolated.

The boiling points at 10 mm. are from distillations, those at 100 and 760 mm. were taken with the Cottrell apparatus.

 $⁺ d^{30}/_{4}$.

The dimercaptans are weak acids; their normal acidity potentials at 20° in alcoholic solution in volts are in the Table 17.1.

Table 17.1

Acidity Potentials of the Dimercaptans, HS(CH₂)_nSH ⁵⁴⁹

Alcohol Volume	n =	= 2		3	4	Į.		5
%	$H_{2}X$	HX'	H ₂ X	ΗX′	$H_{2}X$	HX'	H_2X	HZ.
95.0	-0.6758	_	-0.7055		-0.7413		-0.7528	
78.0	-0.6487		-0.6734	(-0.812)	-0.7031	(-0.826)	-0.7119	(-0.808)
60.0	-0.6248	(-0.811)	-0.6474	-0.769	-0.6680	-0.770	-0.6869	-0.771
42.3	-0.5958	(-0.789)	-0.6137	-0.703	-0.6355	-0.726	-0.6486	-0.720

Properties of Some Dimercaptans

Ethylene, ethanedithiol-1,2, HSCH₂CH₂SH, m. -41.0°; b. 146-6.5°, 266 , 627 146°, 8 , 19 , 155 , 422 , 646b , 654 b₁₄ 43-4°, b₁₆ 46-7°, 566 b₆₀ 67°, 368 b₂₅ 53-5°, 191a b₂₆ 54.2°, 412a b₇₂₀ 140-1°; 549 d 20/4 1.122, 566 1.1243, 412a d_{23.5} 1.123, 654 d 23/4 1.123, 19 d 25/4 1.1185; n 20/D 1.5590, 412a n 25/D 1.5558; 266 , 627 diAc. m. 60°, 503 69°; diBz. m. 95°, 412a

Trimethylene, HSCH₂CH₂CH₂SH, m. -79° ; ⁴¹⁷ b. 172.9° , ²⁶⁶ 169° , ²⁶⁰, ⁶²⁷ $169-70^{\circ}$, ¹⁷ $170-1^{\circ}$, ⁶⁸² b₇₂₀ $160-1^{\circ}$, ⁵⁴⁹ b₁₅ 63° , ^{412a} b₆₀ 94° , ⁵⁶⁶ b₁₂₀ 110° , ¹²⁰ b₁₀₀ 104.6° ; ²⁶⁶ d 0/4 1.1007, d 25/4 1.0775, d 20/4 1.0772, ⁶⁸² 1.0783; ^{412a} n 20/D 1.5392, ⁶⁸² 1.5406, ^{412a} n 25/D 1.5371; ²⁶⁶ diAc., b₂₄ 152°, ¹²⁰ b₁ 104–5°; d 20/4 1.1401; n 20/D 1.5406, ^{412a} n 24/D 1.5209; ¹²⁰ diBz., m. 56.3°. ^{412a}

Propanedithiol-1,2, CH₃CH (SH) CH₂SH, b. 152°, ^{19, 474}, ⁴⁸⁹ b₁₇ 51–2°, ⁵⁶⁶ b₅₅ 72–4°; ¹⁴⁵ d 20/4 1.061. ⁵⁶⁶

Tetramethylene, $HSCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2SH$, m. -53.9°; b. 195.6°, 266 b₃₀ 105-6, 91a b₁₁ 75-6; 549 diBz., m. 49°, 91a 49.5°.549 Butanedithiol-2,3, $CH_3CH(SH)CH(SH)CH_3$, b₅₀ 86-7°.368

Pentamethylene, HSCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂SH, m. -72.5°; b. 217.3°, 266 b₁₅ 108–9°, b₂₇ 123°, 15 b₁₅ 107–8°, 549 b₁₆ 110°; 91a diBz., m. 45° . 15 . 91a

2,2-Dimethylpropanedithiol-1,3, $HSCH_2C(CH_3)_2CH_2SH$, b_{12} 72°.²⁴

Hexamethylene, HSCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂SH, m. -21.0°; b. 237.1°, ²⁶⁶ b₁₅ 118-9°; diBz., m. 57°. ^{91a}

Hexanedithiol-1,2, $CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2CH(SH)CH_2SH$, b_{14} 99°; n 19/D 1.5071.26

Decamethylene, $HSCH_2(CH_2)_8CH_2SH$, m. $17.8^{\circ},^{266}$ $20^{\circ};^{91a}$ b. $297.1^{\circ},^{266}$ b₁₆ $176^{\circ},^{91a}$ b₉ $99-102^{\circ};^{170b}$ diBz., m. $55^{\circ}.^{91a}$

2,6-Dimethyloctanedithiol-3,7, b₁₁ 132°; n 17/D 1.5025.442

2,6-Dimethyloctanedithiol-2,6, b₉ 110°; n 16/D 1.4971.442

Pentadecanedithiol-7,8, $C_6H_{13}CH(SH)CH(SH)C_7H_{15}$, b_{16} 196-7°. b_{16}

Octadecamethylene, $HSCH_2(CH_2)_{16}CH_2SH$, m. 52°.²⁶⁶ Cyclohexanedithiol-1,2, $C_6H_{10}(SH)_2$, b_{15} 97°.¹⁴⁵

1,1-bis (mercaptomethyl) cyclohexane, $C_6H_{10}(CH_2SH)_2$, b_{17} 136°.24

3,4-Thiophenedithiol, $C_4H_2S(SH)_2$, b_2 120–5°; d 25/4 1.446; n 20/D 1.70.397

Propanetrithiol-1,2,3, trithioglycerol, $HSCH_2CH(SH)CH_2SH$, $b_{0.4}$ 60°,566 b_2 80°,426 b_{15} 115–20°; 516, 609 d 20/4 1.231; 566 n 22/D 1.6105.426

Neopentanetetrathiol, C(CH₂SH)₄, m. 73°. 190b

Properties of Some Aromatic Mercaptans

Thiophenol, C_6H_5SH , m. -14.9° ; ⁴⁶⁶ b. 169.5° , ^{85, 87, 138} 168.3° , ⁶⁷⁶ 168° , ^{377, 677} 165° , ⁶³⁹ 172.5° , ^{6, 155} b₇₄₃ $168-9^\circ$, ²⁰³ b₇₅₀ $168-70^\circ$, ^{603d} b₅₀ 86.2° , ⁸⁵ 84° , ³⁶⁷ b₁₀₀ 103.6° , ⁸⁵ b₃₀ 77° , ¹⁸⁰ b₂₀ 68° , ²⁴² b₂₂ 68° ; ⁶²⁰ d 20/4 1.0780, ⁶²⁰ d 23.2/4 1.0739, ^{87, 180} d 24/4 1.078, ^{155, 639} d 25/4 1.0728; ⁶⁴⁷ n 14/D 1.5931, ^{603d} n 20/D 1.587^{11} , ⁸⁷ 1.5888, ⁶²⁰ 1.5855, ²⁴² n 23/D 1.55613, ¹⁸⁰ n 25/D 1.5805; ¹⁹⁸ heat of fusion 24.90 cal./g.; specific heat at 25° 0.3829; entropy at 25° 52.6° viscosity, surface tension and parachor. ⁶³⁶

o-Thiocresol, CH₃C₆H₄SH, m. 15°; 85 , 296 , 377 b. 194.3°, 85 187–8°, 377 b₅₀ 106°, b₁₀₀ 124.7°. 85

m-Thiocresol, b. 195.4°,85 195°,78, 606 b_{25} 90–3°, b_{50} 107°,606 b_{50} 107.5°, b_{100} 126°; 85 *p*-nitrobenzoate m. 96°.35

p-Thiocresol, m. 43.5°, 198 43°, 294, 318, 367, 377, 494, 603d 43.4°; 203 b. 195°, 85 194°, 122, 631 190–2°, 140 187–8°, 377 b₁₀₀ 124.9°.85

o-Ethylthiophenol, b₇₃₀ 207–9°, ²⁶⁷ b₇₆₈ 210.1–0.9°; d 20/4 1.0349; n 20/D 1.56995. ²²⁰

p-Ethylthiophenol, b₁₂₋₃ 91-3°.483

2,4-Thioxylenol, b. 207-8°.233

2,5-Thioxylenol, b. 205-6°.233

o-Propylthiophenol, b₇₃₀ 219-21°.267

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o-i-Propylthiophenol, b<sub>730</sub> 225-7°.<sup>267</sup>
  p-i-Propylthiophenol, b<sub>14</sub> 100-4.5°; d 20/4 1.0009; n 20/D
1.5542.^{241}
  o-Allylthiophenol, C_3H_5C_6H_4SH, b_{17} 183–90°; n 21/D 1.6098.302
  2-Allyl-4-methylthiophenol, Me(C_3H_5)C_6H_2SH, b_{11} 190-6°;
n 21/D 1.6921.302
  o-Phenylthiophenol, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>SH, b<sub>12</sub> 160°. 92
  p-Phenylthiophenol, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>SH, m. 111°.<sup>231</sup>
  o-Chlorothiophenol, b. 204-6^{\circ}, <sup>148</sup> 205-6^{\circ}; <sup>223</sup> d_{19.5} 1.2752. <sup>148</sup>
  m-Chlorothiophenol, b. 205–7°; d_{12.5} 1.2637.<sup>148</sup>
  p-Chlorothiophenol, m. 54°; 148, 461, 603d b. 205-7°.148
  2,5-Dichlorothiophenol, b<sub>50</sub> 112-6°. <sup>235</sup>
  o-Chloro-p-phenylthiophenol, m. 196°.244
  o-Bromothiophenol, b_{11} 96.5°, b_{18} 117–8°; n 24/D 1.6321.665
  m-Bromothiophenol, b_{20-2} 119-21°,665 b_{40} 123-4°; 79 n 20/D
1.6338,79 n 25/D 1.6310.665
  p-Bromothiophenol, m. 75°,45, 86, 280, 295 71°; 603c, 603d b.
230-1°; 45 Ac. m. 52°; Bz. m. 84.5°.665
  o-Iodothiophenol, b<sub>11</sub> 119.5°.548
  m-Iodothiophenol, b<sub>11</sub> 121.3°.548
  p-Iodothiophenol, m. 85°,690 86°.46
  o-Nitrothiophenol, m. 61°, 427 58°, 373 56°, 420 45°.74
  m-Nitrothiophenol, oil. 79, 372
  p-Nitrothiophenol, m. 77°. 228, 661b
  2,4-Dinitrothiophenol, m. 132°,246 131°; 661a Bz. m. 113°.661b
  2,4,6-Trinitrothiophenol, m. 114°.661a
  2,4-Nitrobromothiophenol, m. 110°.74
  2,4-Nitrochlorothiophenol, m. 122°,74 120°,286 213°.50
  2,5-Nitrochlorothiophenol, m. 171°.50
  m-Methylsulfonylthiophenol, m. 69°.629
  p-Methylsulfonylthiophenol, m. 68°.79
  Benzyl, b. 195^{\circ}, 1, 170c, 190a 194–5°, 226 b<sub>3</sub> 64.5–5.5°, 518 b<sub>22</sub> 100°, 120
b_{32} 99°; d 25/4 0.8097; n 20/D 1.5779, 170c, 190a 1.576. 11
  o-Nitrobenzyl, m. 29.5°; b<sub>15</sub> 149.5°. 490a
  m-Nitrobenzyl, m. 12°,398 14°; b<sub>18</sub> 164°.490a
  p-Nitrobenzyl, m. 52.5°.490a
  α-Phenylethyl, b. 119–20°, 44 b_{15} 87–8°, 289b b_{10} 81–3°, 289c b_{14}
83-4°; d 18/4 1.0396,464, 574 d 20/4 1.022; 289c n 18/D 1.5691,574
n 20/D 1.557; [\alpha] 26/D 105.6°, -105.6°; <sup>289c</sup> Ac., b<sub>13</sub> 123-5°;
d 20/4 1.0698; n 20/D 1.5480.289b
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β-Phenylethyl, b_{17} 104°, ^{339a} b_{15} 96–8°, ^{464} ^{574} b_{14} 96–7°, ^{289b} b_{23}
105°; 916 d 18/4 1.0318; n 19/D 1.5643; 574 Ac., b<sub>13</sub> 134-5°; d 20/4
1.0730; n 20/D 1.5478.289b
     α-Phenylpropyl, b<sub>15</sub> 103-4°. 380e
     \gamma-Phenylpropyl, b_{10} 109°, {}^{91b} b_{23} 120–2°; {}^{464}, {}^{574} d 17/4 1.010, {}^{464}
1.0107; 574 n 19/D 1.5492,404 1.5543.574
     β-Phenylpropyl, b<sub>1</sub> 74°; n 20/D 1.5510; Ac., b<sub>4</sub> 105°; n 20/D
1.5429; ^{103} D ^{103} D ^{10} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100} ^{100}
     β-Phenyl-i-propyl, b_{16} 105–10°; d 19/4 0.999; n 20/D
1.5312.331
     D-β-Phenylbutyl, b_{1.3} 81°; [α] 25/D 7.0°.381
     ε-Phenylamyl, b<sub>10</sub> 132-4°. 91b
     \alpha,\beta-Diphenylethyl, b<sub>4</sub> 146–8°. <sup>274</sup>
     o-Methylbenzyl, b<sub>5</sub> 57-8°; n 25/D 1.5702.<sup>274</sup>
     m-Methylbenzyl, b_{12} 90°.93
     p-Methylbenzyl, b_{11} 89–90°, b_{35} 118°. b_{35} 118°.
     2-Nitro-p-tolyl, m. 58°.280
     \alpha-(o-Tolyl) benzyl, b<sub>4</sub> 149-50°.<sup>274</sup>
     \alpha-(p-Tolyl) benzyl, b<sub>6</sub> 159-62°.<sup>229</sup>
     o-Chlorobenzyl, b_{25} 120–1°,77 b_{28} 126–8°; n 25/D 1.5840,385
1.5650.77
     m-Chlorobenzyl, b_{19} 120-1°; n 25/D 1.5810.385
     p-Chlorobenzyl, m. 85^{\circ}; <sup>316</sup> b<sub>0.4</sub> 66-7^{\circ}. <sup>385</sup>
     2,4-Dichlorobenzyl, b<sub>29</sub> 151–2°; n 29/D 1.5993.<sup>77</sup>
     3,4-Dichlorobenzyl, b_{0.5} 87–90°, 385 b_{31} 170–1°; n 29/D
1.6003.77
     p-Bromobenzyl, BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SH, m. 75°.<sup>315</sup>
     α-Phenyl-p-chlorobenzyl, p-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CHPhSH, b<sub>5.8</sub> 168–9°.<sup>229</sup>
     3-Hydroxy-5-methoxybenzyl, b_{0.08} 75-80°; n 20/D 1.5940.<sup>340</sup>
     Cinnamyl, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH:CHCH<sub>2</sub>SH, m. 7-8°; b<sub>13</sub> 124-5°, 94 b<sub>0.1</sub>
116-8°; 375a 3,5-dinitrobenzoate m. 115°.395
    β,γ-Diphenylallyl, b<sub>0.01</sub> 105-6°; 3,5-dinitrobenzoate m. 157°. 395
     4,4'-Dichlorobenzhydryl, b<sub>5,6</sub> 168-9°.<sup>229</sup>
     Triphenylmethyl, Ph<sub>3</sub>CSH, m. 107°; <sup>33, 335, 641</sup> Ac., m. 139-41°:
Bz., m. 185°.641
     \alpha-Thionaphthol, b. 285°, ^{603d} b<sub>200</sub> 208.5°, b<sub>50</sub> 187.2°, b<sub>20</sub> 161°, ^{358}
b_2 138–40°, b_7 142–2.5°,620 b_{15} 152.5–3.5°; d 0/4 1.1729, d 23/4
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1.1549, 358 d 20/4 1.607; n 20/D 1.6802; 620 Bz., m. 118°. 603a β -Thionaphthol, m. 81°; 358 b. 286°, 85 b₁₀₀ 210.5°, b₅₀ 189°, b₂₀ 162.7°, b₁₅ 153.5°, 358 b₁₅ 153-4°. 688

- 4-Chloro-α-thionaphthol, m. 44°.603d
- 4-Bromo-α-thionaphthol, m. 56°.603d
- 2-Nitro- α -thionaphthol, m. 70–3°, 396 205°; Ac., m. 103°. 285
- 4-Nitro-α-thionaphthol, m. 77-9°.396
- 5-Nitro-α-thionaphthol, Ac., m. 182°.285
- 1-Nitro-β-thionaphthol, m. 98–100°.396

Some Selenomercaptans

Phenyl selenomercaptan, b. 182°.603c

o-Selenocresol, b₂₅ 99°. 209

m-Selenocresol, b₁₆ 89°.²⁰⁹

p-Selenocresol, m. 47°.603c

p-Bromoselenophenol, m. 77°.603c

p-Chloroselenophenol, m. 55°.603c

α-Selenonaphthol, b₂₀ 167°.603c

Table 18.1

Acidity Constants of Some Substituted Thiophenols in 48%

Ethanol at 25° 79

Substituent	pKa	${f Substituent}$	pKa	${f Substituent}$	рКа
p-HO	8.30	p-Br	6.99	m-Cl	6.74
p-Me	8.03	p-Cl	6.96	m-NO ₂	5.90
p-MeO	7.99	p-I	6.94	$m ext{-}\mathrm{MeSO}_2$	5.88
m-Me	7.96	m-I	6.82	$p ext{-}\mathrm{MeSO}_2$	5.57
H	7.76 *	$m ext{-}\mathrm{Br}$	6.77	p-NO ₂	5.11
$m ext{-}\mathrm{MeO}$	7.45			•	

^{*} PhSH 8.05.521

Aromatic Dimercaptans

Dithio-catechol, o-C₆H₇(SH)₂, m. 28°; ⁴⁸² b. 238–9°, ²⁵⁷ b₁₇ 119–20°; diAc., m. 88.5°. ⁴⁸²

Dithioresorcinol, m-C₆H₄(SH)₂, m. 27.1°,³⁴⁸ 27°,⁴⁷¹ 25°; ²⁰², ⁴⁸³, ⁶⁹¹ b. 245°,²⁰² 243°,⁸⁵ b₁₇ 123°,²⁰², ⁶⁹¹ b₂₈ 141°,²⁰² b₂₀ 132°, b₁₀₀ 176.5°.⁸⁵

Dithiohydroquinone, m. 98°.348, 411b, 465, 689

- 4,5-Dimethyldithioresorcinol, b₁₃ 150-1°; diAc., m. 49°. 484
- 2,4-Dimethyldithioresorcinol, m. 121°.483
- 4-Ethyldithioresorcinol, b₂₀ 150-2°.488

- 2,5-Dichlorodithioresorcinol, m. 85°.235
- 1,4-Naphthalenedithiol, m. 181°; b₁₅ 210°. 256
- 1,5-Naphthalenedithiol, m. 119°, 139 118-21°. 411b
- 2,6-Naphthalenedithiol, 196.5°,411b 178°.97
- 2,7-Naphthalenedithiol, m. $187^{\circ},^{411b}, 181^{\circ},^{256}, 174^{\circ},^{174}$
- 2.2'-Dimercaptobiphenyl, m. 79°.35
- 4,4'-Dimercaptobiphenyl, m. 179-81°, 411b 176°.231
- 9,10-Anthracenedimethanethiol, m. 145°.607

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Reactions of Mercaptans

Introduction

Where the products of a reaction are the subject matter of a later chapter the reaction itself is not considered in this chapter. Examples of such reactions follow.

Two of the methods by which sulfides are prepared are the reaction of a mercaptide and an alkyl halide and the addition of a mercaptan to an unsaturate:

EtSNa + CICH
$$_2$$
Ph \rightarrow EtSCH $_2$ Ph + NaCl
PhSH + CH $_2$:CHCN \rightarrow PhSCH $_2$ CH $_2$ CN

Since both of these will come up in the several chapters on sulfides, they will be omitted here.

Sulfenyl halides are formed by the reaction of a halogen with a mercaptan:

PhSH +
$$Br_2 \rightarrow PhSBr + HBr$$

This reaction and its products are to be found in Chapter 3.

The esterification of a mercaptan by an organic acid, or acyl chloride, gives a thioester:

PhCO
$$_2$$
H + EtSH \rightleftarrows PhCOSEt + H $_2$ O PhCOCI + EtSH \rightarrow PhCOSEt + HCl

Formally this is an ester of thiobenzoic acid, PhCOSH. Therefore, the esterification of mercaptans is considered in the chapter on thioacids.

Mercaptals and mercaptoles are formed by the reactions of mercaptans with aldehydes and ketones:

RCHO + 2 EtSH
$$\rightarrow$$
 RCH(SEt)₂ + H₂O
Me₂CO + 2 EtSH \rightarrow Me₂C(SEt)₂ + H₂O

These reactions are discussed under thiones and thials.

The formation of disulfides, trisulfides, and tetrasulfides by the reactions of chlorine and sulfur chlorides with mercaptans are mentioned in this chapter, but come up again in the chapter on disulfides.

Mercaptan reactions, not of the classes mentioned, are discussed in this chapter. The chief interest has been in the possible use of most of these reactions for getting rid of the mercaptans that are found in petroleum distillates. In discussing such reactions, the bulk of the space will be given to actual, or proposed, applications for the removal of mercaptans from petroleum distillates. Even then, it is impossible to go into detail. Some articles and patents will be listed.

Of all the classes of sulfur compounds which are found in petroleum distillates, the mercaptans are the worst offenders. Some desulfurization processes have been designed for the sole purpose of eliminating mercaptans, while others have been intended to take care of sulfur compounds in general. As mercaptans are involved in all cases, it seems proper to give brief attention to desulfurization processes in general in this chapter.

Reference is made to some of the innumerable articles on sulfur compounds in petroleum.^{69, 79, 80, 268, 269, 640, 643, 693, 865a, 1002b, 1003, 1023, 1059, 1248a, 1248b, 1260, 1281, 1404a, 1496, 1671a Special attention is called to a book by Kalichevsky and Stagner ⁸⁵⁰ in which desulfurization processes are considered from the standpoint of the gasoline refiner.}

The presence of sulfur compounds in gasoline is objectionable 850, 1450 on account of odor and because they promote gum formation, development of color, corrosion of metals, and the formation of deposits in the engine. 267, 445c, 449, 516b, 583, 697, 735, 909, 919, 1130, 1424, 1521, 1690, 1728 All sulfur compounds cut down the lead response of a gasoline. The worst offenders are the mercaptans

and alkyl disulfides and polysulfides which may be considered as derived from them. The sulfur dioxide from the combustion of the sulfur compounds may cause corrosion in the engine 443, 444, 822, 1152 and cylinder wear. 1704

High-molecular-weight mercaptans must be absent from cable oils. 1196

In lubricating oils, sulfur compounds may cause deterioration ^{1113, 1671b} though it is believed that some of those naturally present are beneficial, acting as antioxidants. ^{369, 847, 1153}

The rating of Diesel fuels is raised by the addition of some sulfur compounds, 845a, 1505 but the wear on the engine increases with the sulfur content. High-sulfur fuel may increase ventilation requirements on account of the oxides of sulfur given off. 122, 598

Mercaptans account for only a minor proportion of the sulfur in manufactured gas, but they must be taken care of in its purification. 9, 76. 221, 547, 617, 619, 747, 757, 776, 777, 787, 790c, 874, 952, 960, 1163, 1198a, 1300, 1343, 1378, 1602

Reference is made to a number of general articles on the removal of organic sulfur compounds from petroleum distillates.^{11,141, 144, 180, 260, 262, 417c, 446b, 516a, 516b, 537, 630, 706, 722, 839, 880, 1119, 1322, 1327, 1363, 1422a, 1422b, 1528, 1606c, 1665, 1724, 1725b, 1734, 1761a Many more articles and hundreds of patents will be mentioned in connection with particular methods.}

Formation of Addition Compounds

Ethyl mercaptan unites with water to form the hydrate, C₂H₅SH·18H₂O.^{881b, 1157} This is stable at low temperatures only. An addition compound, C₂H₅SH·TiCl₄, has been reported.³⁶⁵ Nitric oxide forms a blood-red addition compound with ethyl mercaptan.^{969b} The same mercaptan forms an addition compound with hydrogen fluoride which dissolves in hydrogen fluoride.⁸⁸³ Primary straight-chain mercaptans can be recovered from such solution unchanged, while benzyl mercaptan is converted to the sulfide, with elimination of hydrogen sulfide.⁹⁵⁰ The combination of mercaptans with hydrogen fluoride may be the basis for the effectiveness of this agent for removing sulfur compounds from hydrocarbons.^{454, 482, 1410, 1428} Or the removal may be due to some catalytic action of the hydrogen fluoride, rather than to its solvent power alone.¹⁰⁷⁵

Boron fluoride also appears to have an affinity for mercaptans.⁵⁷ Its mixtures with hydrogen fluoride have been recommended for the desulfurization of hydrocarbons.^{234e, 780} At -78° boron hydride and methyl mercaptan form an addition compound, MeSH·BH₃.^{231.5}

Straight chain mercaptans form adducts with urea similar to those of the hydrocarbons. 1768

Decomposition of Mercaptans

By Various Agents

Light seems to split ethyl mercaptan into EtS- and H- which end up as ethyl disulfide and hydrogen. The over-all reaction is: 1680

2 EtSH \rightarrow EtS·SEt + H $_2$

The quantum efficiency with respect to hydrogen is less than unity, indicating that there are other reactions. Traces of higher unsaturates and 10% of ethylene are also formed.¹⁰⁷⁸ With methyl mercaptan and the mercury line 2537A, the quantum efficiency is 1.7.¹⁴⁸⁸ In the presence of activated carbon, ultraviolet light changes mercaptan vapors to sulfur-containing condensation products.¹⁰³⁶

X-rays, beta and gamma rays convert a mercaptan, in water solution, to the disulfide. The number of molecules oxidised per ion pair was 3 for x-rays and beta rays and 23% less for gamma rays.⁸⁷ It has been proposed to sweeten naphthas containing mercaptans by exposing them to x-rays and air.¹⁰⁸⁰

Aromatic hydrocarbons may be alkylated by passing them with mercaptans over catalysts. 1586.3, 1586.5 This may involve the decomposition of the mercaptans; the products are what would be expected from the reactions of the olefins. Tertiary mercaptans, which decompose most readily, are the most efficient. 493.5

THERMAL DECOMPOSITION

There have been many investigations of the thermal decomposition of mercaptans, usually with the object of finding conditions under which the mercaptans can be destroyed with a minimum of damage to hydrocarbons that may accompany them. To destroy completely 0.5% of mercaptans, which may be

present in a gasoline, without altering any of the dozens of hydrocarbons, that make up the other 99.5%, is out of the question, but much has been accomplished.

Naturally the start has been made with pure individual mercaptans, without catalysts, other than the walls of the container, but most of the work has been done with catalysts. As the catalyst does not usually change the direction of the decomposition but only its speed, the catalytic and noncatalytic decomposition of mercaptans can be considered together. Many of the scientific articles and practically all of the technical ones are concerned with both kinds. The aim is to convert as much as possible of the sulfur into hydrogen sulfide,

Hydrogen sulfide is split off of a mercaptan at around 300°.¹³85.5, ¹580a, ¹598</sup> Branched-chain mercaptans are less stable than their normal isomers. The decomposition into the olefin and hydrogen sulfide appears to be unimolecular. Between 380° and 410°, ethyl mercaptan and ethyl sulfide decompose homogeneously. The rate curves show an induction period, which has been attributed to the formation of an intermediate. No one of ten gases altered the course of the reaction materially.¹604 This explanation has been doubted.⁰05 A tertiary mercaptan, like a tertiary alcohol, goes to the olefin at a moderate temperature.¹26, ¹594.5 Cyclohexyl mercaptan acts more like a tertiary, giving only 12 to 15% of the sulfide, the rest going to cyclohexene.¹397, ¹598 The decomposition of n-propyl mercaptan leads to a pseudo-equilibrium of propylene, hydrogen sulfide, and i-propyl mercaptan.¹578

In general, the C–S bond is harder to break than a similarly situated C–O bond. The presence of a carbonyl or cyanogen group or a sulfur atom on a β -carbon weakens the C–S bond just as it does the C–O. The same factors influence the strength of both bonds in the same direction. This subject has been reviewed.¹⁵⁷⁴

An octyl mercaptan,⁸⁴⁴ allylic mercaptans,¹²⁹⁸ and α-thionaphthol,⁹⁴⁸ go to the sulfides when heated. Mercaptans are converted to alkyl sulfides and hydrogen sulfide by passing their vapors, at elevated temperatures, 300 to 500°, over catalysts, such as sulfides of cadmium,^{540, 1397, 1454a, 1455} zinc,^{540, 1454a, 1455} tin, bismuth, aluminum, or iron.¹⁴⁵⁵ These may be on carriers. Higher-molecular-weight mercaptans and other sulfur compounds may be formed under such conditions.⁵⁴¹ More or less of the sul-

fide is decomposed to the olefin and hydrogen sulfide. The relative proportions of sulfide and olefin produced depend on the mercaptan and the temperature. Catalyst poisons may be removed by passing the mercaptan over activated carbon. When passed over a silica-alumina catalyst at 250°, decyl mercaptan gives 30% of decyl sulfide along with decene-1, but at 300° there is no sulfide. Over the same catalyst at 300°, thiophenol 1598.5 and m-dimercaptobenzene go to benzene, thiophenol, and thianthrene. Nickel catalysts decompose mercaptans at 200 to 300°. 452, 453, 1570a

Phosphoric acid is an efficient catalyst for the decomposition of mercaptans.^{53b, 974, 1037, 1044, 1123b} A tertiary mercaptan is split cleanly into olefin and hydrogen sulfide when its vapor is passed, at 300 to 450°, over charcoal impregnated with phosphoric acid.⁷¹

To get information which might apply more closely to petroleum distillates, the pyrolysis of mercaptans, in solution in various hydrocarbons, has been investigated.^{1045a} It has been hoped that conditions could be found under which the mercaptans can be decomposed without too much destruction of the hydrocarbons.^{1580b}

References are given to articles and patents in which the desulfurization of petroleum distillates is the objective and to others in which it is only incidental to cracking. There have been numerous reviews ^{83, 516c, 846g, 1370, 1580a, 1626a} and discussions of experimental results. ^{191, 257, 314a, 485, 572, 605, 636a, 694, 768, 944, 1361, ^{1370, 1536} Reference is made to several articles on the nature and treatment of the sulfur compounds that result from cracking. ^{89, 445a, 446c, 517, 685, 736, 866, 1092, 1285, 1403, 1507, 1714}}

The desulfurization of petroleum by heating,^{2, 439, 442b, 475, 782, 1362b} or by heating with steam, has been claimed.^{114b, 288, 313, 438, 489c, 534, 786, 914, 980, 1106} The addition of various substances to oils is said to aid the decomposition of the mercaptans. Among these are: cresol, ¹⁵⁶¹ furfural, ^{1025a} terpenes, ¹⁵⁰² asphalt, ^{941a, 1538} drying oils, ^{440a} petroleum residuum, ^{1154, 1506} calcium cyanamide, ⁹⁴⁷ the sodium addition compounds of anthracene and the like, ¹⁴⁵² citrus fruit acids, ¹⁷⁰³ and cellulosic materials. ^{499b} Ammonium pentachlorodizincate and chloride ^{869d} are said to aid decomposition in the vapor phase.

It is impossible to make a sharp distinction between substances that aid the decomposition simply as catalysts and those that take part in the reactions. Alumina is probably only a catalyst while copper combines with the sulfur. Other additives may function, to a greater or less degree, in both ways.

Many proposals have been made for desulfurizing petroleum distillates by passing their vapors at elevated temperatures over catalysts, 1246, 1520, 1767b such as metallic oxides, 447a, 529c, 529e, 557, 609, 812, 1290, 1544, 1560 ferrous sulfide. 955, 1295 iron oxide. 329b, 335b, 529a, 529e, 1046b, 1099, 1304, 1345, 1426, 1427, 1481b, 1486a, 1513, 1558 this with additions. 53a, 238, 760b, 810, 1123c, 1232, 1352 oxides of molybdenum, nickel,²⁰³ or lead oxide with sodium and aluminum hydroxides,^{333a} alumina, 760a, 760b, 761, 1215, 1530a, 1725b silica, 1725b alumina with magnesite,^{760b} magnesite alone,^{334, 760b, 761, 1215} sulfides of aluminum, 1042c mercury 1340b or cadmium, 1272 zirconia, 1433c and activated carbon. 461, 592, 834 Bauxite, 20, 43, 117, 141, 227b, 413, 470, 615, 634, 638, 644, 678, 684, 723c, 725, 760a, 774, 857, 873, 990, 1134b, 1208, 1259, 1271, 1434, 1436, 1530a, 1690, 1734 fuller's earth, 20, 40a, 116, 141, 357, 432, 608d, 609, 615, 706, 835, 1134b, 1250, 1275b, 1642, 1651, 1725b, 1761a clavs, 82, 193c, 306, 442a, 474, 649, 812, 977, 1046a, 1046b, 1061, 1366, 1433b, 1690 and clay with copper or chromium oxide,840b are used in various ways, either with the hot liquid or the vapor. Vapor-phase treatment over clay is especially efficient. 1450, 1528 Carbon monoxide is mixed with hydrocarbon vapors 856b which may be passed over hot alumina. 198 Hydrocarbons are desulfurized by heating them with iron 292, 335a, 457, 959 or by contacting their vapors with nickel, iron, or cobalt.93, 375, 394, 910, 1188, 1570a, 1570b, 1570c, 1707 A pyrophoric metal is effective. 1379c Oils may be heated with metals 1560 or their vapors passed through metal packing. 1249 They may be distilled from metals, 1276 either molten 1872 or emulsified, 1068 or their vapors may be passed over a molten metal. 427, 1354 By the use of a selective silica-alumina catalyst, the sulfur compounds of a distillate may be cracked without much change in the hydrocarbons.⁷⁶⁷ Coal gas is desulfurized over cobalt, iron, or nickel thiomolybdate. 1071.5

Oils may be treated with metallic soaps ^{132, 386, 529b, 560, 1108} or oil-soluble salts of lead, ^{705, 1144} copper, or iron. ⁷⁰⁵ A hot oil, or its vapor, with ^{351, 1134e} or without hydrogen chloride, ^{329a, 691, 927c} is contacted with various metals or their salts. Solutions of salts of various metals have been recommended for treating hydrocarbon vapors. ³²²

Aluminum chloride forms complexes with mercaptans and with other sulfur compounds.^{241a, 467, 591, 680, 1460} It splits off hydrogen

sulfide from mercaptans, leaving the alkyl sulfide,³⁷⁶ or some other product.⁹⁴² It causes a tertiary mercaptan to alkylate benzene,¹⁰⁷⁴ but this does not go with a primary.⁹⁴² It has been employed extensively in the treatment of crude petroleums and of distillates. It effects desulfurization along with extensive alterations of the hydrocarbons. It attacks alkyl sulfides and thiophenes as well as mercaptans. Under mild conditions, it may react preferentially with the sulfur compounds. In its use, practice has far outrun theory. Reference is made to a number of articles ¹³¹, ¹⁴¹, ^{535a}, ⁶³¹, ⁶³², ⁶⁵¹, ^{721a}, ⁷⁵³, ⁸⁴², ^{846b}, ¹⁰⁰⁴, ¹²⁶⁷, ^{1404b}, ¹⁶⁰⁸, ¹⁷²⁷, ^{1761a}, ^{1761b}, ¹⁷⁶⁵ and to some of the patents.⁵, ¹¹¹, ^{162a}, ²²⁰, ^{352a}, ³⁹⁸, ⁴¹⁹, ^{535b}, ⁶⁵⁶, ⁶⁶⁷, ^{721b}, ⁷⁸¹, ⁸³⁷, ⁸⁴³, ^{928c}, ^{938a}, ¹⁰⁰⁵, ^{1006c}, ¹⁰⁰⁹, ^{1042a}, ¹²⁵⁴, ^{1338c}, ¹⁴⁶⁹, ¹⁴⁷¹, ¹⁴⁹⁵, ¹⁵¹², ¹⁵³⁷, ¹⁵⁴⁷, ^{1564b}

Zinc chloride has been recommended for the desulfurization of petroleum distillates. ^{104d}, ¹⁴¹, ³¹¹, ^{351c}, ^{352b}, ^{352c}, ^{440b}, ^{447d}, ⁵⁶⁸, ⁵⁶⁹, ⁵⁸⁶, ⁶⁶⁷, ⁷⁸¹, ⁸⁴³, ⁸⁵⁵, ^{869c}, ⁹²⁶, ^{927b}, ^{928d}, ^{938b}, ¹¹³⁶, ^{1138b}, ¹¹⁶⁶, ^{1278a}, ¹⁴⁶⁸ Zinc hydroxide, ¹¹⁶⁵ oxide, ²⁰⁴, ^{1134d} sulfate, ^{447b}, ^{928a}, ^{1134c}, ¹⁶⁶⁰ and zinc ore ^{227c}, ^{351a} or silicate ^{352d} have been suggested for this purpose.

Several chromium compounds have been recommended for desulfurization.^{227a, 235d, 941b, 1070} Lithium chloride is used with aluminum chloride ^{1338b} or silicic acid.^{1338a} Lithium carbonate has been claimed.^{1146b} Chlorides of a number of metals have been suggested.²²⁹

Desulfurization of petroleum distillates may be effected by heating them with lime, ^{114a}, ¹²⁴, ²⁴⁷, ²⁹², ³²⁷, ^{717b}, ⁹⁵⁷, ^{1046b}, ¹³⁶⁹ distilling them over lime, ³⁵⁹, ^{489a}, ⁵¹¹, ^{529d}, ⁷¹², ^{1569a} or by passing their vapors over lime. ⁹⁰, ^{244b}, ⁴⁰⁴, ⁸⁹³, ¹⁴¹², ^{1530a} Calcium carbonate may be substituted for the lime. ⁸³¹, ¹¹²⁰, ¹⁵²⁴ A calcium pyrophosphate is claimed. ¹⁰⁴⁰

Various catalysts and reactants have been proposed: gravel,⁶⁸¹ granite,⁶⁴⁸ a reforming ¹⁷³² or aromatizing ^{235e} catalyst, beryllium chloride,^{869b} montmorillonite,³³⁹ boron phosphate,⁹²⁰ magnesium silicate,⁹³³ precipitated silicic acid,⁵⁸⁸ mercuric chloride,^{352c, 447c, 447d} titanium chloride, ^{311, 692a} tin dichloride ⁸⁴³ and tetrachloride,^{229, 692b} phosphoric anhydride,^{1039b, 1399} this with a metal halide,^{1038, 1039a} a liquid sulfonic acid,^{1025b} sulfuric acid with a metal oxide,^{302b} vanadium oxide,³¹⁶ borax,^{1134a, 1139, 1737} sodium silicate,⁵⁸⁸ sodamide,¹²⁷³ nitrides of various metals,¹⁴¹¹ metallic arsenic,^{405a, 1133a} calcium and magnesium chlorides,^{781, 869a} and potassium hydroxide or carbonate on charcoal.¹³⁸⁴ Sulfites or other

reducing agents may be added to an oil during distillation.1423

An improved fuel is said to be obtained by adding an organic sulfur compound to an oil, cracking, and desulfurizing.^{309a, 678}

Desulfurization by Hydrogenation

Raney nickel, containing occluded hydrogen, reduces mercaptans and other sulfur compounds, dissolved in absolute alcohol, to the parent hydrocarbons.^{194, 1066, 1508} The sulfur compounds in gasoline are eliminated by this treatment.^{61, 63} Thiophene is desulfurized.⁶⁰¹ Thiophenol and α-thionaphthol, in xylene, go to the sulfides.^{680,5}

Hydrogenation, in the presence of molybdenum sulfide under 300 lb. pressure, converts phenyl mercaptan, in cyclohexane solution, to benzene at 200°. Carbon disulfide goes to methane at 250° and thiophene to butane at 300°. Mercaptans, sulfides, and thiophenes are desulfurized by passing their vapors, with hydrogen, over cobalt molybdate at 440°. The hydrogen is eliminated as hydrogen sulfide. Butyl mercaptan, with hydrogen over vanadium oxide, goes to butane and hydrogen sulfide. The hydrogenation of methyl mercaptan over nickel sulfide is of the first order with reference to the mercaptan. The rate is lower than with cobalt sulfide. S26

Various molybdenum compounds have been suggested as catalysts but, regardless of what is put in, the active catalyst appears to be a sulfide. There appears to be an equilibrium:

$$\mathsf{MoS}_2 + \mathsf{S} \rightleftarrows \mathsf{MoS}_3$$

Hydrogen reduces the trisulfide to the disulfide which then picks up sulfur.⁵⁵³ This conforms perfectly to Sabatier's conception of a catalyst as a carrier, an element which can go up or down from one valency to another, taking up or giving off sulfur. The remarks about molybdenum apply equally to other metals, such as nickel and cobalt. Whether they are put in as metals, oxides, or salts, they are converted to sulfides. Polysulfides of indefinite composition appear to be formed. One author, however, claims better results with oxides than with sulfides.¹¹⁷⁴ Mixed catalysts are common.

The catalytic hydrogenation of petroleum distillates is increasingly important. It is the most thorough way of getting rid, not only of mercaptans, but of all other classes of organic sulfur

compounds. The sulfur is eliminated as hydrogen sulfide. It costs considerably more than other, less efficient desulfurization processes, but there are other substantial benefits which carry a part of the cost.

The hydrogen pressures run from atmospheric to thousands of pounds. The most common temperatures are from 300 to 450°, but higher and lower are mentioned. As catalysts, metal oxides 402a, 808, 1616 are used. As stated before, these are probably converted to the sulfides.

Several mercaptans, in kerosene solution, were heated 2 hours at 230° in the presence of molybdenum sulfide. The percentages decomposed were: for phenyl mercaptan 94, for ethyl 83, and for *i*-amyl 59%. About 3% of the aliphatic mercaptans were converted to the sulfides, but none of the phenyl.¹¹⁰⁹

Molybdenum compounds are mentioned frequently. ^{24, 73, 300a}, 300c, 318.5, 319, 377, 644, 759, 789a, 789c, 790a, 791a, 815, 817, 851, 1091, 1109, 1173, 1174, 1198b, 1198c, 1253, 1296, 1297, 1485, 1546, 1603, 1623, 1627b, 1628a, 1628b, 1629, ¹⁶³⁰ Cobalt molybdate, or thiomolybdate as it is sometimes called, is a favorite catalyst. ^{118, 241b, 241c, 300a, 626, 762.5, 790a, 941b, 1072.5, 1072.7} It is probably more accurate to consider it a mixture of the two sulfides, or polysulfides. Cobalt and compounds of cobalt are frequently mentioned. ^{319, 478, 639, 644, 713a, 789a, 789b, 789c, 789d, 1073, 1174, ¹⁴⁶¹ X-ray examination of the used catalyst shows the presence of cobalt sulfide. ^{713b} Tungsten sulfide appears as an alternate, or associate, of molybdenum sulfide. ^{73, 195, 300a, 300c, 300d, 301, 319, 377, 759, 789c, 1485, 1603, 1628a} Ruthenium sulfide has been used. ^{318.5}}

Nickel, the most popular catalyst for ordinary hydrogenations and one that is so easily poisoned by the merest traces of sulfur compounds, becomes an efficient sulfur-insensitive catalyst when it is loaded with sulfur.¹⁹⁵, ²²⁸, ^{241c}, ^{300a}, ^{300d}, ³⁰¹, ³¹⁰, ³¹⁹, ³²⁶, ⁴⁷⁷, ⁴⁷⁸, ⁵²³, ⁵⁴⁶, ⁶¹⁸, ⁶³³, ⁶³⁹, ⁶⁵², ⁷⁵⁶, ^{789d}, ^{790b}, ^{791a}, ⁸⁰¹, ⁸⁰⁵, ⁸¹⁵, ⁸¹⁷, ¹⁰⁰⁰, ¹⁰⁰¹, ¹⁰⁶⁵, ¹⁰⁷³, ¹¹⁷³, ^{1379a}, ¹⁴⁶¹ Nickel, or other metal, may be introduced as a carbonyl.¹⁵⁵

Iron and its oxides are mentioned in many patents as catalysts. 73, 195, 241c, 300a, 300c, 319, 478, 789b, 801, 814, 1000, 1174, 1379a, 1380. 1448, 1461, 1627a The vapors may be passed over iron sulfide before hydrogenation. 1001 Copper, 73, 195, 319, 478, 639, 713a, 804, 814, 1379a, 1379b, 1498 chromium, 73, 300c, 319, 564, 789a, 791a, 937, 1174, 1198b, 1623 manganese, 73, 300c, 319, 814 zinc, 73, 195, 319, 644, 756, 789a, 814 cadmium, 1073, 1498

tin,814 zirconium,241b titanium,241b thorium,241b aluminum,241b and vanadium 300c, 1073 compounds are claimed as catalysts.

A cement containing 25%, or more, of alumina, with or without metals, is claimed as a catalyst.⁷ An oil and hydrogen are passed over coke at 330°.²⁵⁸ An oil, hydrogen, and phosgene are contacted with charcoal.^{440c} An oil is heated with aqueous zinc chloride ^{440e} or with aluminum chloride ^{1006b} in the presence of hydrogen.

The necessary hydrogen may come from the action of steam on metals which may serve also as catalysts. 786, 1073, 1415 The oil may be passed over a catalyst at a suitably high temperature along with ammonia 1640 or a light hydrocarbon 315 or a hydroaromatic 1372 compound to furnish hydrogen. An oil may be subjected to the simultaneous action of sodium and hydrogen at 300° to effect desulfurization. The hydrogen may be generated in contact with the oil by the action of steam on the sodium. 440d

It has been proposed to desulfurize oils by means of acetylene ¹³²⁵ or a metal carbide. ^{154, 1007a, 1155}

In the "Platforming" process gasoline and hydrogen are passed over a supported platinum or palladium catalyst. It is claimed that sulfur compounds are converted to hydrogen sulfide almost completely. 158, 164, 641, 840d, 854 A treatment of this sort was suggested in 1906, 350a but only lately has become important.

Hydrogenation by *nascent* hydrogen, generated in various ways, has been suggested.^{61, 63, 630, 683, 1083, 1110, 1123a, 1415, 1588, 1674} The use of atomic hydrogen has been claimed.¹⁵⁹⁴ Several more or less related processes have been proposed.^{353, 790d, 1286, 1605, 1619}

Curiously enough, the hydrogenation may be effected by hydrogen sulfide, ^{1379b} which may well be added along with the hydrogen. ^{1628a, 1629} In destructive hydrogenation, the presence of sulfur is beneficial. ¹⁵⁷¹

Consideration has been given to the thermodynamics of desulfurization by hydrogenation in the presence of metals and their oxides.¹³⁰³

It is well known that coal can be converted to liquid products, hydrocarbons for the most part, by heating with hydrogen at high pressures.¹²⁵ Oils are transformed into lighter oils and gases ^{1531b} and are improved by such treatment.^{405b} Distillation residues are

desulfurized.^{886a} Carbon oxysulfide in an oil and hydrogen give hydrogen sulfide.¹⁴⁰⁶ Heating with hydrogen under pressure causes polymerization of unsaturates and of part of the sulfur compounds.⁶⁴² The sulfur is eliminated as hydrogen sulfide.^{1123d}

The hydrogenation of a shale oil without a catalyst gives products containing considerable sulfur, but with a catalyst the sulfur is almost completely removed.¹¹⁷³ Desulfurization of oils is effected if sulfur-resistant catalysts are present.^{123, 216, 300b, 341, 565, 791b, 825, 1206, 1268, 1269, 1649} In one case it is reported that the sulfur content of a distillate from a cracked brown coal tar was reduced from 3.84% to 0.02%.^{1627b, 1630} A shale oil was completely desulfurized.¹¹⁷²

Oxidation

By Oxygen

The oxidation of a pure mercaptan by air goes on extremely slowly, if at all, but in the presence of a catalyst it may be rapid. Catalysts are not mentioned in the recorded oxidation of benzyl mercaptan, 1034 4-mercaptobiphenyl, 550 p-nitro-84 and p-bromophenyl, 773 mercaptans and dimercaptomethyl sulfide 543 by air, but some may have been present. The most effective catalysts are the copper and iron protoporphyrins; with dithiols the distance between the groups influences the rate. 88 In fact, all copper and iron compounds speed up the rate of oxidation. 679 A number of metals and their oxides are claimed as catalysts. 1199b, 1620

Air may be freed from noxious mercaptans by passing it over such catalysts.^{792c} Gases containing mercaptans are mixed with air and passed over catalysts.^{620, 793a, 809, 1699} Sulfate turpentine can be purified by air oxidation.³⁰⁷

Petroleum distillates are freed from traces of mercaptans by contacting them with various metallic compounds in the presence of air.^{279, 281, 378, 391, 575, 623, 771b, 1135a, 1257}

The oxidation of a mercaptan to the disulfide may be effected by passing its vapor with air over a catalyst, such as bauxite, ¹⁰⁸⁸ iron, ^{547.5}, ¹⁷⁰⁰ copper or other metals, ^{547.5} or an alumina-base catalyst. ⁷¹⁵ Activated charcoal at 100°, or above, has been recommended. ^{104a}, ¹⁶¹² Oxides of nitrogen may be used as oxygen carriers. ⁸⁷⁰, ¹⁴⁷⁹, ¹⁴⁸⁰ With their aid, the oxidation may go on to the sulfonic acid. ¹²⁹²

In alkaline solution, mercaptans are oxidised by gaseous oxygen. 1643 Ammonium hydroxide may serve as the base. 1226e This oxidation can be speeded up by catalysts. 263b, 497, 824 An organic nitroso compound, 170d a substituted phenylenediamine, 1377.5 N, N'tetrabutyl-p-phenylenediamine, 378.5 and a phenolic compound which can be oxidised to a quinone 170e may serve as catalysts. Oxidation is slowed down by hydroquinone 263b and by hydrocyanic acid. 679 The metals that aid the alkaline oxidation, arranged in order, are: arsenic, copper, antimony, zinc, cadmium, silver, iron, and nickel. 129 The oxidation is aided by supplying the oxygen under pressure. 503d It is facilitated by the presence of finely divided solids and by the dispersion of the air in fine bubbles. 558b, 925 In a solution buffered with sodium bicarbonate, sodium indigodisulfonate is a catalyst for the oxidation. 497b Electrolysis in alkaline solution is effective. 159b, 230, 558a, 559, 1199c It is claimed that, when hydrocarbons are placed in an electric field, the impurities collect at the electrodes.224b

In a quantitative study, it was found that the rate of oxidation is the faster the more concentrated the alkali. It decreases in the order: propyl, butyl, amyl, benzyl, and phenyl. Somewhat more oxygen than that calculated to produce the disulfide is taken up.¹⁷³⁸ This excess oxygen probably goes to form sodium sulfinate. It is known that dry sodium mercaptide takes up oxygen to form the sulfinate.^{881b}

EtSNa +
$$O_2 \rightarrow EtSO_2Na$$

A lubricating oil is refined by treatment with oxygen in the presence of metallic sodium.¹⁵¹⁹ The above reaction may be involved.

 β -Mercaptopropyldimethylamine, MeCH (SH) CH₂NMe₂, is oxidised rapidly by air in alkaline solution. The spontaneous oxidation of β -aminoethyl mercaptan may be attributed to its basicity. 549

In the petroleum industry, it is common practice to regenerate the alkaline solutions, that have been used to extract mercaptans from distillates, by blowing them with air. The disulfides, which are insoluble in alkali, separate out. This will be taken up later on when alkaline extraction is considered.

The rapid oxidation of mercaptans in alkaline solution by air should be taken into account in making derivatives, such as alkyl sulfides. Sometimes it is stated that "the mercaptan was added to the alkali dropwise with stirring." This would give excellent opportunity for oxidation which would lead to the contamination of the product with the disulfide. It is better to mix the mercaptan and alkyl halide in a suitable solvent and add the alkali, dropwise if necessary to control the reaction.

By Oxidising Agents

The simplest case is the conversion of a mercaptan to the disulfide by the disulfide corresponding to another mercaptan. An equilibrium is established:

$$Pr_2S_2 + 2 DecSH \rightleftharpoons 2 PrSH + Dec_2S_2$$

This reaction is brought about by heating ^{23.5, 595} or by the presence of catalysts, sodium hydroxide or mercaptide, or by a halogen acid. ⁸⁸⁴

Quinones have been used in the classification of mercaptans as to oxidisability. Several mercaptans are given in the order of decreasing oxidation potential: mercaptobenzothiazole, tertiary mercaptans, such as butyl and dodecyl, primary mercaptans, such as ethyl and butyl, aromatic, such as phenyl and benzyl.^{1071a}

The effectiveness of active oxygen from several sources in decreasing order is: peracids, hydrogen peroxide, hypochlorites, and persulfates. Anodic oxidation is effective. With persulfate, the rate is higher at pH 13 than at pH 10.901

Oxidation of mercaptans by hydrogen peroxide may give the disulfide,^{47, 56, 109, 464, 1006.5, 1058, 1359} the sulfonic,^{67, 68, 1487} or the sulfuric acid ¹⁰⁵⁸ according to conditions.^{750e} A high yield of the sulfonic acid can be obtained from tertiary mercaptans.^{67, 68} β-Aminomercaptans are oxidised to the disulfides.^{86, 1176} The oxidation of thiophenol by benzoyl nitrate is quantitative.⁵²⁰ The use of organic peroxides, or hydroperoxides,^{836c} or of hydrogen peroxide for removing mercaptans from petroleum distillates has been proposed.^{179, 224c, 302a, 718, 1042b, 1258, 1675, 1716a} Sodium perborate in alkaline solution has been recommended.^{1125b} Metal peroxides are said to be useful in the purification of sulfate turpentine.⁹⁷³

Ozone has been suggested as an agent for removing mercaptans from distillates $^{30,\ 224a,\ 406,\ 441b,\ 675,\ 1051,\ 1137b,\ 1557,\ 1617}$ and from water. $^{1449.}$

Nitric acid oxidises mercaptans readily, usually taking them all the way to the sulfonic acids. In many cases, the yields are

nearly theoretical.^{252, 291, 364, 468, 570, 596, 709, 856a, 907, 935, 968, 969b, 1164, 1168, 1244, 1409, 1639, 1693, 1721} Sometimes the optical rotation is reversed.⁹⁵¹ Petroleum distillates have been treated with nitric acid to remove mercaptans.^{528d, 892, 1175a, 1289, 1588, 1589} Nitric acid has been added to oils during distillation.^{528d, 1720}

This is an excellent way to prepare sulfonic acids when the required mercaptans are available. Concentrated nitric acid diluted with 1 or 2 parts of water is put in a flask with reflux condenser. A small portion of the mercaptan is added through the condenser. The onset of the oxidation is shown by the evolution of red fumes. Heat is applied as required. Portions of mercaptan or of nitric acid are added from time to time to keep the reaction going. Care must be taken to avoid an accumulation of both, otherwise the reaction may become violent. When the oxidation is judged to be complete, the liquid, which should be clear, is poured into a dish and evaporated on the steam bath to a syrup. To remove nitric acid, water is added and the solution evaporated again. This should be repeated several times. The product is pure enough for many uses. Incomplete oxidation may give the disulfide ^{296, 907, 994, 1037, 1226a, 1643} and sometimes the thiosulfonic ester. ^{969b, 994, 1242}

Nitrous acid has been recommended for preparing disulfides from mercaptobenzothiazole ⁵⁹⁷ and other mercaptans. ^{1462.5} Nitrous acid and oxides of nitrogen have been proposed for use in desulfurizing hydrocarbons. ^{528d, 889, 1125c, 1289}

Potassium permanganate oxidises mercaptans to sulfonic acids.^{54, 304, 508, 1195, 1346, 1700} The oxidation potentials of various mercaptans have been determined by permanganate titration.¹³⁹⁶ It has been proposed to purify petroleum distillates by treatment with permanganates,^{393, 688, 1007b, 1128c, 1321, 1541, 1542} manganese dioxide,^{148, 151, 1542} or other manganese compounds.^{410, 528b, 1011}

The oxidation of mercaptans by potassium persulfate is a reaction of the first order with reference to the persulfate. The rate constant is independent of the kind of mercaptan and of its concentration.⁴³¹ It is faster in the presence of an unsaturate.⁹⁰¹ The use of persulfates in the treatment of petroleum distillates has been proposed.^{58a, 688, 1137a}

A variety of other compounds effect the oxidation of mercaptans: chromates, 304, 448b, 766, 1037 oxides of chromium, 342, 441c selenium dioxide, 1081, 1691 chloropicrin, 1180 a diazonium compound, 1425 various salts, 1678 and nitrosyl chloride. 838, 940, 1575

In the presence of alkali, ammonia, or an amine, sulfur converts

a mercaptan to the disulfide. 103, 750a, 1029, 1219, 1220 This may be supposed to be a reaction of the mercaptide with either sulfur or with sodium polysulfide:

Widely different proportions of the reactants may be used. Extensive use has been made of these reactions in the refining of distillates. 139a, 141, 234a, 235c, 246, 417b, 503c, 515, 555, 728, 740, 764a, 1060, 1128a, 1145, 1146a, 1324, 1441b, 1525, 1526, 1652

Ethyl mercaptan and sulfur, in a sealed tube at 150°, give the disulfide and hydrogen sulfide. A sour petroleum may be distilled over sulfur. Conversely, an alkaline solution of the lower mercaptans has been recommended for removing free sulfur from hydrocarbons. This subject will come up again under alkaline extraction and again when the doctor treatment is considered.

Mercaptans are oxidised to disulfides by ferric compounds. Ferric chloride has been used for the preparation of disulfides ⁶⁷³. ^{1771b}, ¹⁷⁷², ¹⁷⁷³ and this and other iron salts for the sweetening of petroleum distillates. ¹⁰⁷, ³⁰⁸, ³¹¹, ⁵⁹⁰, ⁶⁸⁷, ⁷⁸¹, ^{792b}, ⁸⁴³, ^{1128b}, ^{1135a}, ¹¹⁸⁶, ¹³¹⁹, ¹⁶⁷⁶ Ferric salts ²⁶, ⁵⁷⁵, ¹⁰¹⁹ or ferric oxide ²⁵¹, ^{329b}, ^{330d}, ³³¹, ^{792d}, ¹⁶⁹² may be on adsorbents or mixed with an alkali. ^{390b}, ⁹⁹⁶ Bog iron ore has been recommended. ¹⁶⁹⁸ A mixture of lime, ferrous sulfate, and sulfur is claimed for the sweetening of gas oil. ⁹⁸ Gases are purified by being brought into contact with ferric oxide in aqueous suspension. ⁴⁵⁵, ⁴⁷⁹, ⁷⁵⁵, ⁹⁷⁰

Aromatic mercaptans are converted to disulfides, or polysulfides, by selenium tetrachloride. 1369.5

Benzophenone is reduced to tetraphenylglycol, Ph₂C (OH) C (OH) Ph₂, by thiophenol, which goes to the disulfide. ^{1170.5}

Octadecyl mercaptan catalyzes the transformation of α,α' -azo (ethylbenzene) into phenylmethylketazine. In this the mercaptan appears to give up hydrogen in one stage of the reaction and recapture it in another. 133.5

A mercaptan and potassium bisulfite give the disulfide and potassium thiosulfate. This is easier to understand if it is written as two reactions:

4 RSH
$$+$$
 SO₂ \rightarrow 2 RSSR $+$ S $+$ 2 H₂O K₂SO₃ $+$ S \rightarrow K₂S₂O₃ $^{939.5}$

Sulfuric acid oxidises mercaptans.¹⁰⁹⁵ The extent of the oxidation naturally depends on conditions, such as concentration of the acid, temperature, and contact. The first product is the disulfide.^{91, 112, 136, 374, 471, 472, 1226c, 1235, 1416} Ethyl trisulfide has been identified as a product, but it must have resulted from a secondary reaction.^{139b} An oxidation product of a disulfide, RSO₂·SR, has been reported.¹¹² A mercaptan may be taken all the way to a sulfonic acid ^{149, 1635}

Sulfuric acid has been used extensively in the refining of gasoline and other petroleum products. It is an all-purpose reagent, taking care of all classes of sulfur compounds. 1725b It oxidises mercaptans, dissolves out alkyl sulfides, and sulfonates thiophenes. When a gasoline is treated with a simple oxidising agent, the mercaptans, which it may contain, are converted to the disulfides. The odor is improved, but the amount of sulfur present is not diminished. Sulfuric acid dissolves some, or all, of the disulfides which it produces. Butyl disulfide has been recovered from the acid sludge from the treatment of a naphtha. It was accompanied by ethyl, propyl, butyl, and cyclic sulfides. 1024 Methylethyl, methylpropyl, cyclotetramethylene, and cyclopentamethylene sulfides were recovered from a similar sludge. 1590 These results show that sulfuric acid acts as a selective solvent for alkyl sulfides. One drawback to the use of sulfuric acid as a refining agent is that it attacks unsaturates and aromatics, of which large amounts are present in modern cracked distillates. This may cause serious losses.

There have been wide variations in the ways of using sulfuric acid for refining distillates. Various strengths of acid from 20% up to fuming and even sulfur trioxide have been recommended. The temperatures of treatment range from below freezing to 200°C. Reference should be made to a number of reviews and discussions. 91, 112, 139b, 141, 193b, 209, 260, 417c, 445b, 463, 567, 587, 602, 655, 1055, 1095, 1133c, 1167, 1235, 1270, 1387, 1450, 1528, 1577, 1667c, 1669, 1725b, 1727, 1728, 1734, 1761a Some patents are listed. 13, 18a, 58b, 59, 147, 850c, 358, 374, 382, 562, 599, 650, 877, 1015, 1020c, 1032, 1124, 1135b, 1181, 1223, 1256, 1278b, 1279, 1289, 1362a, 1532, 1637, 1648, 1679

It has been found that the amount of sulfuric acid required is much less and that the sulfating of olefins and sulfonating of aromatics is reduced if the acid treatment is carried on at a low temperature. 14, 16, 566, 584, 628a, 885, 1432, 1549 Low temperatures are specified in a number of patents. 119a, 346, 347, 953a, 954, 998, 1125a, 1230, 1431

Chlorosulfonic acid also oxidises mercaptans to disulfides.94

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The simplest case is the conversion of a mercaptan to the disulfide by iodine:

$$\textbf{2 RSH} \ + \ \textbf{I}_2 \ \rightleftarrows \ \textbf{RSSR} \ + \ \textbf{2 HI}$$

As hydriodic acid is a strong reducing agent, the reaction does not go to completion unless this acid is removed, either by solution in water or by combination with a base.³⁴⁵ This is the neatest way of preparing a pure alkyl disulfide from a mercaptan. The thiol is dissolved in a hydrocarbon, such as benzene, in a flask over water. Iodine is added so long as it is decolorized. The acid goes into the water layer. The benzene solution of the disulfide is separated and fractionated.^{56, 133, 139a, 304, 364, 487, 490, 750c, 773, 859, 882, 1071b, 1429, 1568, 1682, 1694.5} Alkali may be added to take care of the hydriodic acid.¹⁰⁹⁷ In the case of an aminomercaptan, the acid combines with the base and the reaction goes to completion.^{579, 1509, 1510} The titration of mercaptans with iodine is taken up in the analytical section.

With certain mercaptans the sulfenyl iodide, RSI, is formed instead of the disulfide. This will be discussed in Chapter 3.

Bromine in dry carbon tetrachloride converts a mercaptan to the disulfide rapidly and completely.^{56, 490, 770, 1771b} As hydrobromic acid is not a reducing agent, it does not reverse the reaction. With bromine in water, the oxidation goes further: ¹⁷⁵⁸

In cold acetic acid, the sulfonyl bromide is formed: 750d, 1771a

$${\tt PhCH_2CH_2SH} \hspace{0.1in} + \hspace{0.1in} {\tt 3 Br_2} \hspace{0.1in} + \hspace{0.1in} {\tt 2 H_2O} \hspace{0.1in} \rightarrow \hspace{0.1in} {\tt PhCH_2CH_2SO_2Br} \hspace{0.1in} + \hspace{0.1in} {\tt 5 HBr}$$

The addition of bromine to a mixture of two mercaptans gives three disulfides, a mixed disulfide, RSSR', along with the two simple disulfides, RSSR and R'SSR'.¹²²⁷

When an excess of bromine reacts with ethyl mercaptan, in the absence of water, ethyl bromide, sulfur bromide, and hydrogen bromide are produced.⁵³⁶

An interesting case is the oxidation of a mercaptan by a dibromide: ^{1387.5}, ^{1594.7}

The liberation of the bromine is due to the crowding.

It has been proposed to add bromine to a cracked distillate and pass the mixture through clay ^{992a} or treat it with piperidine.³⁴⁵

Chlorine also converts a mercaptan to the disulfide.⁴⁹⁰ The difficulty is to conduct the reaction in such a way that it will not become violent. In acetic acid,^{1650.5, 1770, 1771b} or in ice water, chlorine oxidises a mercaptan to the sulfone chloride: ^{282, 395, 1771a}

If the temperature is not kept down, the product is the sulfonic acid.

Any compound that gives up chlorine readily can be used instead of free chlorine. Phenyl iodosochloride reacts with a sodium mercaptide: ¹⁷⁶³

$$PhICl_2 + 2 NaSEt \rightarrow EtSSEt + PhI + 2 NaCI$$

Sulfuryl chloride reacts similarly with either a mercaptan or a sodium mercaptide: ^{320, 490, 1575}

$$2 RSH + SO_{9}Cl_{9} \rightarrow RSSR + SO_{9} + 2 HCl_{9}$$

The oxygen of thionyl chloride may also take part in the oxidation: 320, 750a, 750b

4 RSH + SOCI₂
$$\rightarrow$$
 2 RSSR + H₂O + S + 2 HCI
Thionylaniline gives similar results: 750b

4 RSH
$$+$$
 PhN:SO \rightarrow R₂S₂ $+$ R₂S₃ $+$ H₂O $+$ PhNH₂

Phosphorus pentachloride gives up two atoms of chlorine:55

2 PhSH
$$+$$
 PCI $_5$ \rightarrow PhSSPh $+$ PCI $_3$ $+$ 2 HCI

A mercaptan can be converted to the disulfide by a chlorate or a nitrite with hydrochloric acid. 793b, 1607

Chlorine has been used in a variety of ways to sweeten petroleum distillates. 159a, 205, 222, 274, 328d, 345, 399, 489b, 491, 552a, 733, 771a, 772, 788, 934, 992a, 1006a, 1006c, 1087, 1184, 1216, 1252b, 1302, 1492, 1501, 1576, 1579, 1659

Chlorine, in the form of hypochlorites, usually sodium or calcium and sometimes those of other metals, has been recommended for the removal of mercaptans and other sulfur compounds. Occasionally chlorine and water or hypochlorous acid have been used. There are numerous articles 44, 138, 140, 141, 165, 193a, 232, 417a, 421, 424, 466, 537, 593a, 630, 706, 726, 846d, 1063, 1069, 1084, 1301, 1528, 1665, 1666, 1700, 1725b, 1726, 1734, 1759, 1767a, 1775 and patents on various ways of using hypochlorites in petroleum refining.^{22a, 22b, 45, 162b, 163, 174, 206, 210,} 244a, 303, 366, 416, 418, 420, 448d, 489b, 528c, 552b, 606, 607, 611, 716, 792a, 833, 927a, 930, 993, 1006a, 1006c, 1087, 1132, 1137c, 1187, 1231, 1252a, 1252b, 1284, 1337, 1381, 1407, 1420, 1441a, 1492, 1514, 1564a, 1569b, 1576, 1582, 1591, 1592, 1675 When a petroleum distillate containing various sulfur compounds is treated with a hypochlorite, probably many different reactions go on but, unless the treatment is not too vigorous, the mercaptans are converted to disulfides which remain in the oil. 1727 Oxidation by a chlorite has been recommended. 796c Oxidation by hypochlorite in the presence of amines leads to condensation products.48

The reactions of mercaptans with sulfur chlorides may be classed as oxidations, since hydrogen is removed from the mercaptan. However, the products are not always disulfides. They may be trisulfides ²⁹³ or tetrasulfides: ^{750a, 881b, 1238}

It must be remembered that chlorine-sulfur and sulfur-sulfur bonds are labile and that the sulfur chlorides are statistical compounds. The alkyl polysulfides, obtained from them, are mixtures, though their compositions may approximate trisulfides or tetrasulfides. This will be considered more fully in the chapter on disulfides. The use of sulfur chloride in refining hydrocarbons has been proposed.^{1239a}

Formation of Mercaptides

The most characteristic reaction of mercaptans, as Zeise recognized, is the formation of mercaptides.

By the Zerevitinov method, a mercaptan shows the presence of one active hydrogen.^{711, 1766}

Similar reactions take place with the alkyl compounds of aluminum, zinc, cadmium, lead, boron, mercury, and bismuth. Sodium naphthalene reacts slowly. 1452

Zeise found that hydrogen is evolved and a solid formed when potassium metal is added to mercaptan. He recognized the product as one in which a hydrogen atom had been replaced by a metal. 1764a, 1764b, 1764c

The inactivation of metal hydrogenation catalysts by mercaptans may be attributed to the formation of mercaptides. This effect varies with the length of the alkyl chain. 1072

AMMONIUM MERCAPTIDES

When a mercaptan is added to liquid ammonia a mercaptide is formed:

$$RSH + NH_3 \rightarrow RSNH_4$$

This reacts with sodium: 1708

$$RSNH_4$$
 + Na \rightarrow RSNa + NH₈ + H

Since ammonia is a weak base and mercaptans are feeble acids, ammonium mercaptides are unstable and hydrolyze instantly on contact with water. Thus the presence of water must be avoided if it is desired to separate mercaptans from hydrocarbons by means of these salts.^{1376a} In dioxane solution, thiophenol forms salts with amines.⁶²¹

In order to eliminate mercaptans and other sulfur compounds from petroleum products, it has been proposed to heat them with ammonia to the temperature at which ammonia begins to dissociate. 991, 992b, 1028, 1248a, 1641 An oil may be heated with ammonia under pressure, in the presence of a catalyst, 287, 897 with ammonia and ammonium persulfate, 287 or with ammonia and steam. 532 The ammonia may serve as a source of hydrogen rather than as a base.

ALKALI MERCAPTIDES

When 25% aqueous sodium hydroxide is saturated with methyl mercaptan, the mercaptide, CH₃SNa 4.5H₂O, separates out as long flat needles, readily soluble in water and in alcohol. Its water solution gives off mercaptan only slowly on boiling. 1265

Sodium ethyl mercaptide, EtSNa, is left as a voluminous white powder when sodium is added to an ether solution of the mercaptan and the ether evaporated. It is hydrolyzed instantly by water. 881a, 881b

When a 50% sodium hydroxide solution is agitated with a concentrated hydrocarbon solution of a mercaptan having eight or less carbon atoms, the sodium mercaptide separates and may be filtered off.^{402b} A sodium mercaptide may be made by the action of sodium on a mercaptan in an inert medium,⁴⁷³ or on an alkyl disulfide in liquid ammonia ¹⁷⁰⁶ or in ether.¹¹⁴⁷

As sodium reacts with mercaptans, its use for removing them from petroleum distillates seems logical. At high temperatures it reacts also with some hydrocarbons.³¹² It has been proposed to refine petroleum products by treating them with sodium in various ways.²⁵³, ²⁵⁴, ²⁵⁵, ³³², ³⁶², ³⁶⁹, ⁴⁶⁹, ^{492b}, ⁴⁹⁶, ^{499a}, ⁷¹⁹, ^{743b}, ⁷⁷⁵, ⁸⁸⁸, ¹⁰³⁵, ^{1126d}, ¹¹⁴², ¹³⁹³, ¹⁵⁵⁴, ¹⁵⁶³, ^{1586b}, ¹⁶⁵⁰, ^{1653a}, ^{1653b}, ¹⁷⁰⁵ Other alkali metals are claimed in several of these patents. Calcium, ³³², ^{1126d} barium, and magnesium ³³² are mentioned also.

Dry sodium mercaptide is decomposed above 200°: 881b

$$2 C_2 H_5 SNa \rightarrow (C_2 H_5)_2 S + Na_2 S$$

The stabilities of a number of sodium mercaptides have been compared. The mercaptans were added to excess of 3N sodium hydroxide solution and heated to 260° for 2 hours. Two reactions may take place:

RSNa + NaOH
$$\rightarrow$$
 ROH + Na₂S 2 RSNa \rightarrow R₂S + Na₂S

The percentages decomposed are shown in Table 1.2.

Mercaptan Et Pr Bu i-Bu Am Hex Hep Total Decomposition 55.4 52.2 49.6 36.2 42.9 37.0 35.0 To R2S 11.0 12.1 8.1 6.1 9.9 3.1 10.4 Secondary Mercaptan i-Pr s-Bu s-Am s-Hex s-Hep Total Decomposition 65.4 59.1 56.0 48.8 47.0 To R₂S 5.2 2.6 6.3 3.6 15.3

Table 1.2

The total decomposition is greater with secondary than with primary. The longer the carbon chain, the more stable is the mercaptide. It is possible that the higher mercaptans were not entirely in solution.¹³⁵

 β -Phenylethyl mercaptan is split into styrene and hydrogen sulfide by potassium hydroxide at above 200° but the α-isomer is only slightly affected. γ -Phenylpropyl mercaptan is partly decomposed. ^{1229, 1517}

Thiophenol is taken out of an oil by contacting with fused potassium hydroxide.⁸ Dodecyl mercaptan is converted to lauric acid by this treatment.^{81, 1202d, 1205.5}

An early patent for purifying naphthas by heating with sodium hydroxide solution was granted in 1866.¹⁴⁹⁰ A still earlier patent ¹⁸⁶³ claimed the deodorizing of oil residuum with sodium hydroxide.¹¹⁰⁴ There have been many recent patents on modifications of this process.^{152, 927d, 971, 1016, 1245, 1464, 1523} Alkali may be added during the distillation of a petroleum.^{119b, 236, 284, 371, 442c, 1086, 1112, 1150} Hydrocarbon vapors may be brought into contact with sodium hydroxide or other alkali.^{19a, 193c, 390a, 1126a, 1261, 1323, 1367, 1374, 1695} This may be done counter-current-wise.^{671a, 871, 872} Terpenes may be freed from mercaptans by treatment with alkali.¹²⁸⁷ High-boiling mineral oils are purified by a caustic alkali wash.^{690a}

Solid sodium hydroxide is effective in removing mercaptans.^{233a, 1477, 1761b} In the substantial absence of water, sodium and potassium hydroxides remove mercaptans and sulfur from hydrocarbons.^{19b, 145, 379, 848, 1526, 1632, 1709, 1710, 1761b} For taking thionaphthalene out of naphthalene, dry alkali and a high temperature are desirable.¹⁶⁸³ The alkali may be used in an anhydrous solvent.^{1201a} The particles of alkali may be of colloidal dimensions.⁸⁴⁹ A naphtha and molten caustic may be passed through a colloid mill.

A suspension of magnesium hydroxide has been proposed.⁵⁵⁶

Removal of Mercaptans by Alkaline Extraction

This subject has been ably reviewed.^{846f} The use of lead tetraethyl to raise the octane number of gasolines has brought about a radical change in the methods of dealing with mercaptans. Formerly they were objectionable only on account of odor and corrosion. The "sour" gasoline was "sweetened" by converting the

mercaptans into disulfides. The odor was improved and corrosion diminished, but the actual sulfur content remained the same. Mercaptans counteract the beneficial effect of lead tetraethyl. The disulfides are even worse in this respect. 142, 193b, 512, 668, 689, 704, 748, 846a, 875, 903, 911, 943, 964, 1316, 1356, 1437, 1606a, 1622, 1690, 1717, 1746 Mathematical relationships between the amounts of different classes of disulfides and the lowering of octane rating have been worked out. 6, 963, 1395 Disulfides are also antagonistic to antioxidants 1748a and cause instability in gasolines. 120b Therefore, it is necessary to remove mercaptans from the gasoline instead of oxidising them to disulfides. 1725b

Alkaline extraction has to do with mercaptans and with them only. It has been studied scientifically and quantitative measurements have shown just what can be done and how to do it. This information has been applied to practice on a huge scale. Within the last few years, the importance of mercaptans has diminished since smaller quantities of them are produced in present day catalytic cracking.

The solubility of mercaptans in aqueous alkali was one of the first properties noted by their discoverer, Zeise. Early makers of mercaptans recommended separating them from by-product sulfides by solution in aqueous sodium hydroxide from which they were subsequently liberated. Fermentation gave huge quantities of ethanol and by-product fusel oil supplied generous laboratory quantities of n-propyl, i-butyl and i-amyl alcohols. Most investigations were based on these starting materials. The mercaptans corresponding to these alcohols are soluble in aqueous alkali. When it became desirable to take mercaptans out of petroleum distillates, it was natural to try extraction with aqueous alkali. It was found that ethyl, i-propyl and i-butyl mercaptans can be taken out by this means. Fortunately the chief mercaptans present in petroleum distillates are the lower ones from butyl on down.

When it comes to the higher mercaptans, extraction with aqueous alkali becomes progressively less efficient. The mercaptans are acidic but weakly so. Values of the dissociation constant, K, for several mercaptans 1732 are given in Table 2.2. Assuming 2×10^{-11} for the higher normal mercaptans, 1739 calculation shows that in 1 N aqueous sodium hydroxide, the concentration of the ionized portion of the mercaptan is two thousand times

that of the unionized. Thus the total amount of a mercaptan that can be dissolved by 1 liter of 1 N alkali is to be found by multiplying the solubility in water by 2000. The data are in Table 2.2. The solubilities of the mercaptans in aqueous alkali fall off rapidly. Above nonyl, they would be very low.

Table 2.2

Solubilities of Some Mercaptans in Water and in
1 N NaOH Solution
(grams per liter)

Mercaptan	$ m K imes 10^{11}$	In water	In 1 N NaOH
Methyl	_	23.30	very soluble
Ethyl	2.52	6.76	very soluble
Propyl	2.26	1.96	very soluble
Butyl	2.21	0.57	very soluble
Amyl	2.00	0.164	328.0
Hexyl `	(2)	0.047	94.0
Heptyl	(2)	0.0138	27.6
Octyl	(2)	0.0040	8.0
Nonyl	(2)	0.00115	2.3

If there is a hydrocarbon layer in contact with an aqueous solution of alkali, any mercaptan that may be present will be partitioned between the two. Naturally the same equilibrium will be established regardless of whether the mercaptan was originally in the hydrocarbon or in the aqueous layer. There have been several investigations of partition coefficients and from them the extent of removal of a given mercaptan by a specific treatment can be calculated. 325, 682, 918, 1618, 1739 Since a mercaptan is only partially removed by one extraction, successive treatments are required. Many plant designs and operating methods have been described. 2, 10c, 28, 29, 32, 41, 46, 50, 104f, 235b, 263b, 273, 415, 492a, 574, 671a, 749, 840c, 1027, 1121c, 1247, 1318, 1320, 1368, 1371b, 1433a, 1450, 1518, 1530d, 1717, 1734, 1750c

The extent of the removal of a mercaptan is influenced somewhat by the nature of the hydrocarbon but depends chiefly on the nature and molecular weight of the mercaptan. Measurements have been made of the extraction by aqueous sodium hydroxide of several mercaptans from naphtha, containing amounts of mer-

captans equivalent to 0.05 to 0.08% of sulfur.^{178, 181} Some of the results are in Table 3.2.

Table 3.2

Extraction of Several Mercaptans from a Naphtha by Different Strengths of Alkali

Mercaptan	0.76 <i>N</i> NaOH %	2.18 N %	$^{2.92}_{\%}$ N	6.06 N %
n-Butyl	62	83	78	69
s-Butyl	56	7 6	75	63
n-Hexyl	12	26	18	18
s-Hexyl	10	17	14	10
n-Nonyl	11	13	11	11
s-Nonyl	6.2	10	6.2	6.2

In another investigation, the extractions were: 417b, 417c

	%		%		%
Ethyl	97.1	i-Propyl	87.2	i-Butyl	62.8
n-Propyl	88.8	n-Butyl	63.2	i-Amyl	33.0

In the extractions given in Table 3.2 the amount of sodium hydroxide was twenty to two hundred times that required by the mercaptans. The 2.18 N alkali removed more of the mercaptans than either the weaker or stronger alkali. Other investigators have found that there is no advantage in using alkali stronger than $2 N^{.1094, 1739}$ Apparently the mercaptan is salted out by the strong alkali. It has been proposed to treat hydrocarbons with alkali under such conditions that three layers will be formed: the hydrocarbon, the caustic alkali solution, and the alkali mercaptide. 1745c

It is to be noted in Table 3.2 that less of the secondary mercaptans is taken out than of the isomeric primary. The secondary are more soluble in water but are weaker acids.

Exact determinations have been made on the extraction of methyl mercaptan from a butane-butene mixture and of ethyl from a pentane-pentene mixture.³²⁵ The results are in Table 4.2. The "ratio" is the mercaptan in the aqueous layer divided by that in an equal volume of the hydrocarbon layer. The chief interest here is in the effect of a large or small excess of alkali.

Table 4.2

Extraction of Mercaptans by 2.2 N NaOH Solution
(The figures are in grams of sulfur per liter)

	Original	After extraction	In NaOH	Ratio	% RSH extracted	% NaOH neutralized
MeSH	13.20	0.018	13.8	733	99.86	19
	21.60	0.036	21.56	600	99.84	30
	38.40	0.089	38.31	432	99.77	54
MeSH	54.30	0.264	54.04	205	99.52	77
	59.80	0.443	59.36	134	99.26	84
EtSH	10.61	0.069	10.54	153	99.35	15
	28.40	0.223	28.18	126	99.21	40
	42.70	0.501	42.20	84	98.83	60
	57.50	1.160	56.34	49	97.98	79

The figures show that the extraction of these mercaptans is practically complete, even when there is only about 20% excess of the alkali.

The partition of mercaptans between benzene and water and sodium hydroxide solutions at 25° has been studied. The concentrations of mercaptans were 0.1 to 0.5 N, corresponding to 0.4 to 2.0% of sulfur. The amounts of the lower mercaptans taken out were equivalent to 50 to 80% of the alkali. The percentages are those of the total mercaptan found in the aqueous layer. The results are in Table 5.2 458b and are plotted in Figure 1.2, curves I and II.

Table 5.2

Percentages of Mercaptans Taken out of Benzene by Aqueous Sodium Hydroxide

NaOH	0	0.225	0.626	1.69
Methyl	5.65	97.1	97.9	
Ethyl	2.14	89.0	94.0	_
n-Propyl	0.32	64.0	77.0	_
<i>i</i> -Propyl	0.42	67.0	78.0	
n-Butyl	0.077	32.0	47.0	_
s-Butyl	0.121	29.0	45.0	
n-Amyl	0.021	10.1	18.4	28.0

NaOH	0	0.225	0.626	1.69
s-Amyl	0.027	8.4	16.0	25.0
n-Hexyl	0.0070		6.3	15.0
s-Hexyl	0.0083		5.3	8.5
n-Heptyl		_	1.8	2.8
s-Heptyl	_		1.3	1.90
n-Octyl	_	_	0.50	0.72
s-Octyl	_	_	0.35	0.45
n-Nonyl	_	_	0.21	0.26
s-Nonyl	_	_	0.16	0.14

Table 5.2 (Continued)

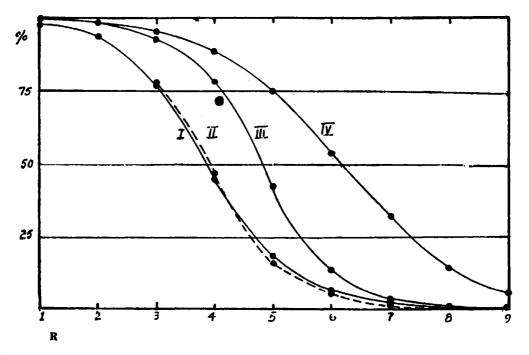


FIGURE 1.2. Partition of Mercaptans between Hydrocarbons and Aqueous Sodium Hydroxide with or without Methanol

Curve I. Extraction of Primary Mercaptans from Benzene by 0.626 N NaOH

Curve II. The Same for Secondary Mercaptans

Curve III. Extraction of Primary Mercaptans from Isooctane by 0.5 N NaOH

Curve IV. The Same with 50% Methanol

For methyl mercaptan, the extraction is nearly complete with the weakest alkali which was in only slight excess. The stronger alkali took out only 0.26% of the n-nonyl. Any secondary mer-

captan is more soluble than the corresponding primary but, with the exception of isopropyl, is more difficult to extract. The greater acidity of the primary more than compensates for its lower solubility. This was noted in Table 3.2.

The nature of the hydrocarbon has some effect. The results of extraction from three hydrocarbons are shown in Table 6.2.458b

Table 6.2

Percentage of Mercaptans Extracted by 0.42 N Sodium

Hydroxide

	Benzene	n-Heptane	Cyclohexane
Ethyl	93.70	97.30	97.60
n-Amyl	13.90	21.70	21.90
s-Amyl	12.30	17.2 0	19.00
n-Octyl	0.32	1.07	0.43
$s ext{-}\mathrm{Octyl}$	0.23	0.72	0.20

The extraction from the nonaromatic hydrocarbons is better than from benzene.

Similar experiments have been made, using isooctane (2,2,4-trimethylpentane) as a solvent for the mercaptans.¹⁷³⁹ The results are in Table 7.2.

Table 7.2

Extraction of Mercaptans from Isooctane with 0.5 N Aqueous Sodium Hydroxide at 20° and with Water

Mercaptan	Water	0.5 N NaOH
Methyl	8.400	99.70
\mathbf{Ethyl}	4.250	98 .7 0
n-Propyl	0.990	93.00
n-Butyl	0.220	7 8.10
t-Butyl	0.380	71.00
n-Amyl	0.052	42.40
t-Amyl	0.071	26.60
n-Hexyl	0.012	13.7 0
$n ext{-} ext{Heptyl}$	0.0026	3.20
n-Octyl	0.0006	0.72
n-Nonyl		0.15

In the introduction to Table 2.2 it was shown that the solubilities of the higher mercaptans in 1 N sodium hydroxide are approximately 2000 times as great as in water. In Table 7.2 it is seen that 0.5 N alkali extracts 1230 times as much heptyl mercaptan from isooctane as does pure water. For octyl mercaptan this ratio is 1200. These figures are in reasonable agreement. The tertiary mercaptans are more soluble in water than the primary but are less acidic.

Since the solubility of mercaptans in water increases as the temperature is lowered, extraction is improved. In Table 8.2 are the results of extracting n-butyl mercaptan from isooctane with water and with 0.5 N sodium hydroxide. 1739

Table 8.2

Extraction of n-Butyl Mercaptan from Isooctane at Different Temperatures

$^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$	Water	0.5 N NaOH
0	0.245	88.2
20	0.230	78.2
25	0.225	73.6
40	0.215	63.5

Taking the figures of Table 5.2 for 0.626 N alkali, the effects of successive extractions can be calculated (see Table 9.2).

Table 9.2

Percentages Remaining in Benzene after Several Extractions
with 0.626 N Alkali

Mercaptan	1	2	3	4	5
Methyl	2.1	0.044	0.009	0.0002	
Ethyl	6.0	0.360	0.021	0.00	
n-Propyl	23.0	5.290	1.220	0.28	0.06
i-Propyl	22.0	4.840	1.060	0.23	0.05
n-Butyl	53.0	28.100	14.900	. 7. 90	4.20
s-Butyl	55.0	30.200	16.600	9.10	5.00
n-Amyl	81.6	67.000	54.000	44.00	36.00

Mercaptan	1	2	3	4	5
s-Amyl	84.0	71.000	59.000	50.00	42.00
n-Hexyl	93.7	88.000	82.000	<i>77</i> .00	71.00
s-Hexyl	94. 7	90.000	85.000	7 9.00	76.00
n-Heptyl	98.2	96.000	95.000	93.00	91.00
s-Heptyl	98.7	97.000	96.000	95.00	94.00

Table 9.2 (Continued)

Extraction from nonaromatic hydrocarbons would be somewhat better, but it is obvious that the extraction of the higher mercaptans is impracticable.

An alkaline salt, such as tripotassium phosphate, ^{1200a, 1376b, 1552e} and quaternary ammonium ^{1200b, 1744, 1745a} and tertiary sulfonium ^{1200c, 1745b} bases have been recommended instead of the alkali.

By extracting in two stages, first with a solution of an organic base, or weak alkali, and later with a strongly alkaline solution, strongly acidic compounds and mercaptans can be taken out separately.^{235b, 1375, 1729} Individual mercaptans may be taken out of hydrocarbons by selective absorption.^{323a}

Solutizers

Emphasis has been put on the fact that the difficulty of extracting mercaptans by an aqueous alkali wash is due to their slight solubility in water and to their low acidity. Nothing can be done to raise their acidity, but their solubility in the aqueous layer can be increased by the addition of various substances. Anything that has this effect is called a "solutizer." It is frequently observed that the solubility of an organic compound in water is greatly diminished by the presence of salt or other inorganic substance. Thus propanol may be "salted out" of its aqueous solution by the addition of potassium carbonate. Conversely, the solubility of a mercaptan in water may be increased by the presence of water-soluble organic compounds.

The effect of the addition of methanol to water and to 0.5 N sodium hydroxide on the extraction of mercaptans is shown in Table 10.2. Some of the figures are quoted from Yabroff and

White and some are calculated from their data, others are extrapolated.¹⁷⁴⁹

Table 10.2

Extraction of Mercaptans from Isooctane by 50% Methanol, by 0.5 N Sodium Hydroxide, and by 0.5 N Alkali in 50% Methanol

Methanol NaOH	50% 0	0 0.5 <i>N</i>	50% 0.5 N	Improvement %
Methyl	24.10	99.7	99.3	
Ethyl	11.30	98.7	98. <i>7</i>	
n-Propyl	4.39	93.1	95.3	2.3
n-Butyl	1.77	<i>7</i> 8.1	88. <i>7</i>	13.5
t-Butyl	2.47	<i>7</i> 1.0	81.3	14.5
n-Amyl	0.73	42.4	75.0	78 .0
t-Amyl	1.05	26.6	49.1	85.0
n-Hexyl	0.30	13.7	53.8	290.0
n-Heptyl	0.134	3.2	32.1	900.0
n-Octyl	0.039	0.72	14.0	1840.0
n-Nonyl	0.019	0.15	5.7	3700.0

The extraction of methyl and ethyl is so good with aqueous alkali that there is scarcely room for improvement, but with the higher mercaptans the effect is great. These results are plotted in Figure 7, curves III and IV.

Almost any water-soluble organic substance added to aqueous alkali will serve as a solutizer and assist in the extraction of mercaptans. To be useful as a solutizer, any proposed compound must meet certain requirements. Obviously it must be stable in a high concentration of alkali, not only at low temperatures but also at high, when the mercaptans are driven out by steaming. It must not be extracted by the hydrocarbons from which the mercaptans are to be removed. Methanol meets these requirements, but has the disadvantage that it is volatile and goes over with the mercaptans. However, it can be recovered and put back in the alkali.

There has been much interest in solutizers. 176e, 193b, 259b, 887, 978, 1204b, 1747, 1750d, 1751c Methanol has received much attention. 100b, 143, 201, 219, 402c, 498, 696, 1017, 1041a, 1067 The "Unisol" process is based on it. 115, 218, 518, 985, 1119, 1690

Many substances have been claimed as solutizers, lower alcohols, 1018, 1041d ethylene, 1751e propylene, 1724b butylene, 1741a and trimethylene, 1742d glycols, diglycols, 1742c polyethylene glycols, 1750e alkyl glycols, 1742e monoethers of several glycols, 1740a diamines, alkanolamines, diaminoalcohols, aminoglycols, other amines, 501a, 1203, 1240e, 1740c, 1741b and nitroparaffins. 836b It has been proposed to use salts of the lower aliphatic acids, 259a, 323b, 1204a, 1553a, 1750a, 1751a of naphthenic acids. 65a, 166, 349, 1030, 1553a of phenylacetic acid, 1201b, 1752a of acid oils, 1031 of dicarboxylic acids, 1752e of hydroxyacids, 1751b of aminoacids, 4d, 1751d of cumic acid, 1221b of etheracids.4a of sulfide-acids.4b, 1280 of thiophosphoric 121a and of sulfonic acids. 1202b, 1553a Halogen substituted acids, which are subsequently hydrolyzed, may be put in. 698c, 1398 Salts of phenols or cresols, alone 116, 214, 698a, 700, 723d, 1202c, 1553b, 1752c or mixed with those of aliphatic acids 170a, 1750b, 1752d or of thiophenols, 698a may also be used. Salts of naphthenic acids may be combined with cresols, 170c, 698b with Cellosolve, 65b or with glycols or amines. 65a Tar acids, 17, 62, 1026 wood tars, 1212 anisol, 283 and polyhydroxybiphenyl 698e have been mentioned. The reaction products of alkali with shellac, 171 copal, 64 rosin, 699, 1553c and yacca gum 702 are said to be useful. Tannic acid, with or without oxygen, is an important solutizer. 548, 929, 987, 1214, 1614b Emulsion breakers are useful with solutizers. 75, 343, 1191a, 1193

Potassium isobutyrate has been specially recommended. $^{166, 175, 176c, 259c, 263c, 1743, 1746, 1748a, 1749}$ The usual solution is 3N potassium isobutyrate and 6N potassium hydroxide. As this contains 378 g. of the salt and 336 g. of the alkali in 1 liter of solution not much room is left for the water. The peculiar thing about isobutyric acid is that its alkali salts are not salted out by the high concentration of alkali. The natural oxidation inhibitors, which are supposed to be alkylated phenols, are removed by the isobutyrate solutizer but not by the mixed isobutyrate-alkylphenate. 1748b These natural inhibitors may be returned to the oil. 542a

A solutizer may be added to the alkaline solution with which hydrocarbon vapors are contacted for the removal of mercaptans. 1202a

Phenols and other weakly acidic substances, as well as mercaptans, can be removed from nonmiscible solvents by alkaline extraction. 1750c

So far solutizers were discussed that are intentionally put into the alkaline wash liquors. Actually considerable amounts of solutizers are acquired by these liquors in the course of the extractions. Naphthenic acids, alkylphenols, and other acidic compounds which may be present in the naphthas pass into the alkaline solution and serve as solutizers. The sodium mercaptides from the solution of the lower mercaptans serve as solutizers for the higher mercaptans.

Solutions of alkali in methanol or ethanol or a mixture of alcohols have been recommended.^{99, 104e, 276, 1201a, 1251, 1305b, 1371a, 1713} As the solubilities of the undissociated mercaptans in such solvents are high, the extractions are complete. The disadvantages in their use are the cost and the difficulty of recovery and reconditioning the solvent for reuse.

Regeneration of Wash Liquors

Regeneration of the spent wash liquor is essential to economic operation. The mercaptans that have been taken up must be removed so that the wash liquor can be reused. This may be accomplished in three ways: steaming out, oxidation to disulfides, and extraction.

Earlier in this section, it was pointed out that a considerable proportion of the mercaptan is present in the molecular form along with its ions in alkaline solution. This must be in equilibrium with its vapor above the solution. With rise in temperature, the solubility of a mercaptan in water decreases while its vapor pressure increases. If the vapor above the solution is removed, some of the undissociated mercaptan will evaporate to restore the equilibrium. This causes some of the dissociated mercaptan to revert to the undissociated form. If the vapor is continuously removed, all of the mercaptan will eventually pass out of the solution. Mercaptans, provided they are reasonably volatile at 100°, can be steam distilled out of even strongly alkaline solution. Curiously enough methyl, which is the lowest boiling, goes over more slowly than those for some distance above it. At 100° the vapor pressure of hexyl mercaptan is 150 mm., of heptyl 70 mm., and of octyl 30 mm. All of these and those below them go over with steam at good rates. Above nonyl, the vapor pressures at 100° are too low, but the amount of these higher mercaptans is negligible.

Advantage is taken of these facts for the regeneration of alka-

line solutions that have been used for the extraction of mercaptans. The extraction is effected at a low temperature at which the solubility of a mercaptan is high and its vapor pressure low. The mercaptans are then steam-distilled out. Steam distillation is applicable whether or not a solutizer is present. A volatile solutizer goes over with the mercaptans and must be separated from them in a special operation. A few references are given without going into details. 10c, 28, 32, 85, 139a, 176a, 176c, 176d, 239, 542b, 704, 723b, 949, 950, 1041b, 1082, 1202a, 1470, 1555, 1742f, 1752b, 1753 It is desirable to remove emulsifiers before steam-distilling. 176b, 1033, 1192 Any hydrocarbons that have been dissolved along with the mercaptans will go over also. 1205e

As extraction is a reversible process, it has been proposed to extract the mercaptans from the alkaline wash by kerosene or other suitable solvent.²¹¹, ^{263a}, ³⁷³, ^{724b}, ^{1191b}

A method of regeneration that is used extensively is the oxidation of the mercaptans to the disulfides which are not soluble in the alkaline solution and can be separated from it. The oxidation may be effected by blowing with air.²⁷³, ⁴⁹⁷, ^{1740b}, ^{1742a}, ^{1745e} Some oxidation takes place spontaneously when steam distillation is used.^{417b} The oxidation may be facilitated by catalysts.^{4c}, ¹⁶⁹, ^{170b}, ¹⁷², ^{263c}, ^{669c}, ^{1204c}, ¹³⁷⁵, ¹⁴⁶⁵, ¹⁴⁶⁶ Oxidation may be effected by oxygen at an elevated temperature and under pressure, ^{690b}, ^{1530d} or by a compound containing active chlorine. ^{1433a} The spent liquor may be washed with a hydrocarbon containing sulfur:

2 RSH
$$+$$
 S \rightarrow RSSR $+$ H₂S

The disulfide is taken up by a hydrocarbon. $^{235a, 779a, 1529}$

Various impurities accumulate which must be eliminated.⁷⁰¹.

1201c, 1711 Methods of analysis are available.^{853, 906}

There is the possibility of recovering enormous quantities of mercaptans from the spent liquors.¹⁷⁰⁰ As industry develops, uses will doubtless be found for these or for products that may be made from them.

The alkaline solution which has been used for extracting mercaptans may be treated with chloracetic acid to make sulfide acids, RSCH₂COOH.^{886b}

HEAVY-METAL MERCAPTIDES

One of the first things that Zeise noted about his new compound, ethyl mercaptan, was its ability to form insoluble pre-

cipitates when it was added to solutions of salts of the heavy metals. He made sodium, potassium, platinum, mercury, gold, copper, silver, and lead mercaptides. 1764a. 1764b. 1764c. 1764d Vogt reported sodium, lead, copper, mercury and silver mercaptides. 1643 Klason prepared mercaptides of thallium, iron, nickel, cobalt, zinc, cadmium, mercury, tin, platinum, and bismuth. 881a. 881b Human made the *i*-butyl mercaptides of potassium, mercury, lead, copper, and gold. 1844 Löwig and Weidmann used ethylene mercaptan for making mercaptides of the heavy metals. 1869b Mercury derivatives of methyl, 1211 propyl, 1365 and *t*-butyl 388 mercaptans were early preparations.

Mercaptides have been prepared from the mercaptan and oxides of gold, silver, and lead, but the usual way is to add the mercaptan to an aqueous solution of a salt of the metal.^{77, 708, 921, 1661}, 1764a, 1764b, 1764c, 1764d The mercaptides of the heavy metals are so insoluble in water that they precipitate immediately. However, the acid liberated from the salt must not be allowed to accumulate, else the reaction will not be complete. Ammonia, or other base, should be added so as to keep the pH just below 7. For the higher mercaptans, which are insoluble in water, alcoholic solutions are convenient. The precipitated mercaptide is filtered off. It is well to wash it with water containing some of the mercaptan to prevent hydrolysis. All mercaptides of metals are decomposed by strong hydrochloric acid into metal chlorides and free mercaptans.881d Heavy-metal mercaptides of o-aminothiophenol are prepared by the addition of solutions of the salts to a solution of its hydrochloride. 1534

Although the mercaptides of the heavy metals are very slightly soluble in water, the corresponding sulfides are still less so. Therefore, the mercaptan is liberated and the sulfide precipitated when hydrogen sulfide is passed into a water suspension of the mercaptide: 1264, 1764a, 1764c

$$Hg(SMe)_2 + H_2S \rightarrow HgS + 2 MeSH$$

It has been proposed to convert the mercaptans in a petroleum distillate into heavy metal mercaptides from which the naphtha may be distilled.^{1108, 1207}

Mercury

Mercuric mercaptides are most characteristic and have been relied upon for the isolation and identification of mercaptans.

They are readily prepared by precipitation from mercuric salts or by treating mercuric oxide with the mercaptan. 612.5, 614, 739, 862.5 Shaking a solution of a disulfide with mercury gives the mercaptide. 904, 939a

Mercury mercaptides can be recrystallized from organic solvents and many of them have satisfactory melting points. A number of these are given in Table 11.2 in the section on the identification of mercaptans.

The ethyl mercaptide is monoclinic and the propyl, amyl, hexyl and heptyl mercaptides are isomorphous with it, while the octyl is triclinic and the butyl is tetragonal.¹⁶⁸⁴

With mercuric ions, cysteine and reduced glutathione give three mercaptides each, according to conditions.^{1555.5}

The mercaptans in petroleum fractions have been isolated and identified by converting them into the mercury derivatives.⁵³⁸, ^{1175b} At 180 to 190°, these mercaptides decompose into mercury and the disulfide: ⁴⁰¹, ^{939a}, ^{1226d}, ^{1764d}

$$Hg(SEt)_2 \rightarrow Hg + EtSSEt$$

A mercuric mercaptide reacts with carbon disulfide to form a trithiocarbonate and a complex: 1401

$$3 \text{ Hg(SEt)}_2 + 2 \text{ CS}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ SC(SEt)}_2 + \text{ Hg(SEt)}_2 \cdot 2 \text{ HgS}$$

Mercuric benzyl mercaptide, in benzene solution, is decomposed by ultraviolet light into mercury, mercuric sulfide, and benzyl disulfide. In sensitivity to light, the mercury mercaptides are in this order: benzyl > n-propyl > i-propyl > t-butyl $> phenyl.^{862.5}$

Phenylmercury and phenyl mercaptan, heated together, give mercury, phenyl disulfide, mercury phenyl mercaptide, and benzene. 909.5

Under certain conditions the half mercaptides, EtSHgBr, MeSHgCl, EtSHgI, AmSHgCl, PrCH (Me) SHgCl, Et₂CHSHgCl, DecSHgCl and DodSHgCl, are precipitated. 130, 153, 384, 741b, 820, 828b, 1311c These may be formed from the mercaptide and mercuric chloride. 750c There is an equilibrium:

2 RSHgCl
$$\rightleftharpoons$$
 (RS) $_2$ Hg + HgCl $_2$

The ethyl and phenyl compounds, EtSHgCl and PhSHgCl, are formed when ethyl and phenyl thioacetates are treated with mercuric acetate and then with sodium chloride. 1400, 1401.5

Albumin, which contains a mercaptan group, precipitates the half mercaptide, ASHgCl, from mercuric chloride solution.^{437.5}

EtSHgCl does not melt at 260° but PrSHgCl melts at 182°. These form addition products with mercuric chloride: EtSHgCl·HgCl₂, m. 151° and PrSHgCl·HgCl₂, m. 139°.²⁷⁰ X-ray studies have been made of these.^{828a} Similar compounds from mercuric nitrite are known: RSHgNO₂ and (·CH₂SHgNO₂)₂.^{1311a, 1314} Ethylmercaptomercury acetate, EtSHgOAc, nitrate, EtSHgNO₃, carbonate, (EtSHg)₂CO₃, and benzoate, PhCO₂HgSEt, have been reported.¹⁴⁰⁰ Derivatives of mercaptosulfonic acids will be discussed in Chapter 4.

A mercury mercaptide may react with an alkyl halide:

EtSHgSEt
$$+$$
 Etl \rightarrow EtSHgl $+$ Et $_2$ S EtSHgl $+$ Etl \rightarrow Hgl $_2$ $+$ Et $_2$ S Et $_2$ S $+$ Etl \rightarrow Et $_3$ SI

The sulfonium iodides form double salts with mercuric iodide, Me₃SI·HgI₂, and Et₃SI·HgI₂.^{741a, 741b}

Dissolved in ethyl acetate, phenyl mercury mercaptide reacts with mercuric chloride:

$$(PhS)_2Hg + HgCl_2 \rightleftharpoons 2 PhSHgCl$$

This is reconverted to the mercaptide by phenyl mercaptan:

$$PhSHgCl + PhSH \rightarrow (PhS)_2Hg + HCl$$

It decomposes when heated: 939b

Mercury derivatives have been prepared from thioborneol. 186, 673, 1736

An alkylmercury hydrosulfide, RHgSH, has been claimed as a fungicide and insecticide. Mercury methyl mercaptide is a catalyst for the addition of methyl mercaptan to allyl alcohol. 852

Many complicated compounds have been reported from mercuric mercaptides with mercury salts and alkyl halides. The alkyl mercapto-mercuric nitrites, RSHgNO₂, react with alkyl iodides to form such compounds as Me₂S₂HgI₂MeI, m. 162°, Et₂S₂HgI₂EtI, m. 112°, Et₂S₂HgI₂MeI, m. 86°, MeEtS₂HgI₂EtI, m. 67°, MePrS₂HgI₂PrI, MeBuS₂HgI₂BuI and even more complicated ones. ^{1311a, 1311b, 1314} Ethylmercaptomercuric bromide reacts with iodoform to give 2 (EtS)₂Hg·HCI₃, m. 85.5°. ⁸²⁰

Ethylmercury ethyl mercaptide, EtHgSEt, from EtHgCl and EtSH, is a yellow oil, m. -3 to 0°, which can be distilled *in vacuo*. The mixed mercaptide, EtHgSPh, melts at 61°. 1402

Phenylmercury aryl mercaptides have been prepared from phenylmercury and p-chlorophenylmercury chlorides and the aryl mercaptans. The melting points of PhHgSAr and ClC₆H₄HgSAr are: phenyl 103.5°, 140°; o-tolyl 169°, 141°; p-tolyl 104°, 145°; benzyl 135°, 130°; α-naphthyl 154.5°...^{1571.5}

Mercaptans can be removed from distillates by contacting them with solutions of mercuric chloride, 861, 1305a, 1344 or acetate, 178 with mercuric oxide 390c or with metallic mercury 1116, 1149a or amalgam. 1149a, 1149b Methyl mercaptan can be taken out of gases by a 3% solution of mercuric chloride. 1183

Copper

Copper mercaptide was supposed to be the cupric compound, (C₂H₅S)₂Cu, until Klason showed that the reaction product of a mercaptan with a cupric salt is a cuprous mercaptide mixed with the disulfide: ^{881d}

$$2 C_0 SO_4 + 4 C_2 H_5 SH \rightarrow 2 C_2 H_5 SC_0 + C_2 H_5 SSC_2 H_5 + 2 H_2 SO_4$$

It is curious that this seems to have been overlooked by a number of chemists who still write formulae for cupric mercaptides. This reaction offers a convenient method for the estimation of mercaptans in hydrocarbons which will be discussed in the analytical section. It has been suggested that unstable cupric mercaptides are the first products. If so, they decompose quickly: 895

$$2 Cu(SR)_2 \rightarrow 2 CuSR + RS \cdot SR$$

Cuprous mercaptides have been prepared, from primary and secondary mercaptans up to nonyl, by shaking an aqueous solution of copper acetate with a benzene solution of the mercaptan. The cuprous derivatives of the normal primary and of i-propyl and s-butyl mercaptans are insoluble in benzene, or in ether, but those of the higher secondary are soluble.

When a naphtha containing a mercaptan is treated with copper acetate and then steam-distilled, it comes over "sweet" and brings with it the disulfide, if this is sufficiently volatile. The amount of this may correspond to from one half to two thirds of the original mercaptan. The disulfides from the higher mercaptans are scarcely volatile with steam.^{183, 185}

A cuprous mercaptide reacts with sulfur: 1489

$$2 CuSR + 2S \rightarrow 2 CuS + RS \cdot SR$$

More sulfur may be taken up to form the trisulfide. 1238 It combines with carbon disulfide to make a trithiocarbonate: 412

Cupric sulfide reacts with a mercaptan in benzene solution:

2 CuS
$$+$$
 4 HSR \rightarrow 2 CuSR $+$ RS·SR $+$ H₂S

As the cuprous mercaptides that are formed from the primary and lower secondary mercaptans are insoluble in the hydrocarbon they remain on the surface of the copper sulfide while those from the higher secondary go into solution. It is remarkable that such an insoluble substance as copper sulfide should be dissolved by a mercaptan. As this takes place in hydrocarbon solution the reaction is probably not ionic. Amorphous copper sulfide is said to be effective in removing sulfur compounds from hydrocarbons. 612

It is known that a mercaptan and hydrogen cyanide corrode copper rapidly.¹¹⁶³ Copper powder reacts with a mercaptan, probably with the aid of the oxygen of the air: ^{387a}, ^{387b}

$$2 \text{ Cu} + \text{ O}_2 + 4 \text{ HSR} \rightarrow 2 \text{ CuSR} + \text{RS*SR} + 2 \text{ H}_2 \text{O}$$

In two experiments, the disulfide formed was equivalent to 47 and 48% of the mercaptan that disappeared. 1728

Cuprous mercaptides from sulfurized terpenes are claimed as additive agents for lubricating oils.^{519, 908}

Copper and copper compounds have been used extensively for desulfurizing petroleum distillates. 10d, 387a, 387b, 743a, 846e, 1438b, 1725a An early desulfurization method was the Frasch process. This attained considerable importance and has been described in a number of articles. 69, 141, 156, 271, 527, 706, 865b, 1248b, 1351, 1486a, 1727 The first of twenty Frasch patents, U.S. 378,246, Feb. 21, 1888, was applied for Feb. 1, 1887. 528a, 528b, 528c, 528d, 528e, 529a, 529b, 529c, 529d, 529e, 530 It included the oxides of eleven other metals. Compounds of metals other than copper are claimed in subsequent patents, some of which ignore copper. The last appeared in 1900. It is of interest to note that the same inventor was responsible for the superheated-water process for mining sulfur.

It is claimed that 99.7% of the sulfur contained in an oil is

removed by passing its vapor through packed and compressed copper turnings.¹²¹³ Copper has been used for desulfurizing vegetable and animal oils.^{794a} The oxides of copper are desulfurizing agents.^{546, 798, 1170, 1236, 1263, 1291, 1484, 1646, 1673, 1725b} There are a host of articles and patents covering the use of copper, copper oxide or salts, either in liquid petroleum products or in their vapors.^{231, 330d, 331, 344, 354, 375, 528e, 603, 608c, 794b, 867, 890, 891b, 894, 945, 975, 976, 1099, 1127d, 1149a, 1162, 1170, 1205d, 1207, 1210, 1275a, 1276, 1277, 1355, 1481b, 1494, 1560, 1570b, 1645, 1647}

In some cases copper and its compounds appear to act catalytically in the oxidation of mercaptans to disulfides, while in others, the sulfur is removed as copper sulfide. Several kinds of reactions may be involved in what appears to be a simple operation.

The oxidation of glutathione by oxygen in the presence of copper ions depends on the pH of the solution, which should be above 7.1760

Much attention has been given to the use of cupric chloride for the oxidation of mercaptans in the sweetening of petroleum distillates. It is used in a variety of ways, in solution or spread on the surface of a solid, such as bauxite. It may be considered as a catalyst or oxygen carrier for air oxidation. There are numerous articles on the use of copper chloride ^{51, 314b, 717a, 729, 763, 846e, 864, 1054, 1414, 1443, 1626b} and many patents. ^{102, 104c, 106, 110, 167, 226, 272, 332.5, 350b, 355b, 448c, 524, 525, 526, 703, 764b, 765a, 928b, 1089, 1090, 1127b, 1129b, 1138b, 1138c, 1255, 1262, 1328, 1435, 1439, 1444, 1445a, 1445b, 1657, 1662.}

The use of copper sulfate has been described ¹⁶⁰¹ and several ways of applying it have been patented. ^{355a, 448a, 1317, 1442a, 1462, 1516, 1660, 1681} Copper hydroxide, ^{18b, 105, 862, 1020a, 1126c} various salts, ^{302c, 328c, 544, 879, 1266a, 1733} acetate, ^{608a, 608b} oil-soluble salts, ²⁷⁹ naphthenates, ^{646, 705, 764c} oleate, ¹¹⁰⁸ and silicate ^{1503b} have been recommended. Copper hydroxide may be mixed with the hydroxides of other metals. ^{1205b} The use of an ammoniacal solution of a copper salt has been proposed. ^{141, 318, 769, 1129b, 1159, 1774} Mercaptans may be converted to cuprous mercaptides which are removed by filtering through granular material, ^{1129a, 1266b} or extracted by means of an alkyl amine. ^{1531d} Means have been proposed for taking care of residual copper compounds remaining in the oil. ^{104b, 380, 429, 1240c, 1417a, 1438a, 1442b, 1446, 1475, 1530c} Various units and cycles have been proposed. ^{10b, 330b, 710, 1177, 1722}

Cadmium and Zinc

Cadmium mercaptides have been made as a matter of course, along with those of other heavy metals, by workers with mercaptans, but nothing of special interest has been recorded about them.^{881b} Pure t-butyl mercaptan has been prepared from the cadmium mercaptide.^{1001.5}

Cadmium nitrate has been used in analyses for the removal of hydrogen sulfide and mercaptans.¹¹⁷⁹ Cadmium hydroxide, in one way or another, has been suggested for the removal of mercaptans from petroleum products.^{40b, 150, 390c, 1205c, 1745d} Cadmium metal and salts have been recommended for the same purpose.^{333b, 612, 1503a}

The cadmium mercaptide from o-aminothiophenol is claimed as a fungicide and bactericide. ¹⁵³⁴

Zinc mercaptides are mentioned in many of the early articles on mercaptans but little is said about them. Zinc mercaptides are formed when disulfides are reduced by zinc.^{1226b, 1534} They dissolve readily in acid and thus are not isolated. They can be prepared from aryl mercaptans in an inert solvent and zinc oxide.¹⁶³¹ The mercaptides of zinc and of some other metals form persulfides which are said to be accelerators.⁹⁵

Silver

Silver mercaptides are readily formed and are extremely insoluble.^{387a, 739} This accounts for their use in qualitative tests for mercaptans and in their quantitative determination as outlined in the section on analysis. A coordinated silver mercaptide, C₁₀H₁₅OSAg·AgNO₃·H₂O, is formed from thiolcamphor.⁴⁰³ Silver mercaptides which are soluble in thiosulfate may be added to a photographic fixing bath.⁵⁷³ Silver removes mercaptans from hydrocarbons.^{743a} Some silver mercaptides are said to have therapeutic value.¹¹⁵⁶

Iron, Nickel, and Cobalt

Dinitroso-iron mercaptide, (NO)₂FeSC₂H₅, m. 78°, is formed from ferrous mercaptide, or from mercaptan and ferrous hydroxide, and nitric oxide: ^{742, 1047a, 1329}

Ferrous hydroxide, mercaptan, and carbon monoxide give a complex, Fe(SEt)(CO)₃, m. 67°, which may have the double formula.¹³³⁰ The same compound is obtained from iron carbonyl and mercaptan. There is a similar one, Co(SEt)(CO)₃, from cobalt carbonyl.⁷²⁷ Iron carbonyl has been suggested as an agent for the removal of mercaptan.^{100a, 234d}

A complex nickel compound, Ni₂(NO) (SEt)₃·6H₂O, is formed from a nickel salt, mercaptan, and nitric oxide. If nickel hydroxide is used instead of the salt, the product is Ni(NO)SEt. Carbon monoxide decomposes this, forming nickel carbonyl.^{1047b, 1048, 1330} The poisoning of nickel catalysts by mercaptans has been studied.^{1357.5}

Nickel mercaptides, Ni(SR)₂, are diamagnetic. Their properties indicate that they are high polymers. The nickel salt of dithiooxamide is also polymeric.⁸²⁶

Antimony and Bismuth

These are mentioned here though they will be taken up in other chapters. The chief objective in making mercaptides of antimony and bismuth has been to get these elements into medicinals. The most of the compounds prepared have contained solubilizing groups, either salt forming or hydroxyl. These will be discussed in the chapters on mercaptoacids and on hydroxymercaptans.

The compounds of the general formula Sb(SR)₃ may be regarded either as mercaptides of the metal antimony or as the esters of trithioantimonous acid. Actually they are liquids and behave more like esters. They will be mentioned in Chapter 3 along with esters of trithiophosphorous and trithioarsenious acids.

Since antimony chloride is hydrolyzed in water, except in the presence of an excess of acid, it is not convenient to make antimony mercaptides in the usual way. They can be obtained from anhydrous antimony chloride either with a sodium mercaptide or with a mixture of a mercaptan and a tertiary amine.⁹⁶² The higher members of the series have been prepared by adding the mercaptans, octyl to octadecyl, to a warm chloroform solution of antimony trichloride. Up to the decyl they are liquids, the higher are solids, dodecyl m. 40°, tetradecyl m. 51°, cetyl m. 52° and octadecyl m. 59°.^{1.5, 294, 295} The p-nitrophenyl mercaptide has been made similarly.¹⁷⁰¹

A few bismuth mercaptides have been made.⁶⁷³ The triethyl, Bi(SEt)₃, a solid melting at 200°, appears to be a mercaptide rather than an ester which is in keeping with the metallic character of bismuth.^{881a, 962} The phenyl mercaptide, Bi(SPh)₃, has been made by adding phenyl mercaptan to an acid solution of bismuth trichloride.^{909.5, 1624} It can be obtained from triphenyl-bismuth:

$$Ph_3Bi + 3PhSH \rightarrow Bi(SPh)_3 + 3PhH$$

There are intermediate compounds, Ph₂BiSPh, m. 160°, and PhBi(SPh)₂. A pentavalent compound, Ph₃Bi(SPh)₂, m. 44° is known.⁵⁸⁰ Triethylbismuth reacts similarly.¹¹⁸²

Antimony and bismuth compounds have been made from partially hydrolyzed keratin.¹⁷³⁵ Bismuth mercaptides have been proposed as therapeutic agents.⁴⁰⁸, ^{794c}, ¹¹⁵⁶, ¹⁵¹⁵

Auric chloride and a mercaptan give an aurous mercaptide and the disulfide:

$$AuCl_3 + 3RSH \rightarrow AuSR + RSSR + 3HCI$$

The mercaptide decomposes at 150°: 714

$$2 \text{ AuSR} \rightarrow 2 \text{ Au} + \text{RSSR}$$

Some, at least, of the paints used in gilding china appear to contain gold mercaptides which decompose in this way during the firing. Gold mercaptides have been proposed as therapeutic agents. 408, 794c, 797, 1156, 1515 Most of the compounds prepared for such use have contained solubilizing groups, either salt forming or hydroxyls. These will be taken up in chapters on mercaptoacids or on hydroxymercaptans.

Platinic mercaptide, Pt(SEt)₄, decomposes in a vacuum at 100° into the platinous mercaptide and the disulfide.^{741a} Many complex compounds have been prepared starting with platinum or palladium mercaptides.^{278, 739, 1311c, 1311d, 1312}

Other Metals

Trimethylaluminum reacts to give dimethylaluminum methyl mercaptide, a liquid whose vapors give a molecular weight corresponding to (Me₂AlSMe)₂.³³⁸

Tin mercaptides have been made, but there is little to say about them. Some have been claimed as mordants.⁸⁰² The stannic compounds, Sn(SR)₄, are esters rather than mercaptides and are included in Chapter 3. The stannic phenyl mercaptide, (PhS)₄Sn, is more reactive than the corresponding lead, mercury, and bismuth compounds.^{909.5} An alkali stannite has been recommended for taking out polysulfides.⁶⁶

The compound, (MeS)₃B, is trimethyl trithioborate and belongs in Chapter 3.^{231.5}

Several thallous mercaptides have been prepared.1, 881b

Lead Mercaptides

Lead mercaptides have been of great importance on account of their formation as intermediates in the well-known "doctor" process for sweetening gasoline. They are precipitated instantly when a mercaptan is added to an aqueous solution of a lead salt. For preparing the mercaptides from the mercaptans above dodecyl, the mercaptan is added to a boiling alcoholic solution of lead acetate. The mercaptides crystallize out on cooling. 514

The lead mercaptides are yellow and resemble organic compounds in being soluble in organic solvents and in having melting points.¹⁶⁹⁴ The lead mercaptides are oxidised by the oxygen of the air and become insoluble. There is little, if any, change in appearance. The products have peroxide properties.^{1225b} Some disulfide is formed also: ¹¹⁴⁰

$$2 \text{ Pb(SR)}_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ RSSR} + 2 \text{ PbO}$$

Triethyllead mercaptide, Et₃PbSEt, is from the reaction of triethyllead hydroxide with the mercaptan.⁶⁸⁶ Lead tetraphenyl and thiophenol give lead phenyl mercaptide, phenyl disulfide and benzene.^{909.5}

Lead mercaptides have been used for making other derivatives. They react much like the alkaline mercaptides: 182, 488, 514, 1211

They are oxidised by nitric acid to the corresponding sulfonic acids. 1194

At 180 to 190° a lead mercaptide decomposes into an alkyl or aryl sulfide and lead sulfide: 550, 881d, 1226c

$$Pb(SEt)_2 \rightarrow Et_2S + PbS$$

As will be explained later, the mercaptans in a naphtha are changed to lead mercaptides by treatment with the "doctor" solution. These suffer 99% decomposition, according to the above equation, when the naphtha containing them is heated to 102° for 10 minutes or kept at 42° for 24 hours. This "sweetens" the gasoline and eliminates half of the sulfur. Converting the mercaptans into lead mercaptides by treatment with lead oxide 528a, 576a, 1020b, 1149a or acetate 1389, 1625, 1663b and distilling off the naphtha has been advocated as a method of sweetening.

It has been proposed to convert these lead mercaptides into water-soluble compounds by treating them with the sodium salt of a halogen acid: ⁴⁵⁶

$$(\text{RS})_2\text{Pb} \quad + \quad 2 \; \text{BrCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Na} \quad \rightarrow \quad 2 \; \text{RSCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Na} \quad + \quad \text{PbBr}_2$$

Lead mercaptides, obtained from "sour" petroleum distillates, have been claimed as antiknock agents for gasoline.^{827b}

It has been proposed to sweeten oils by heating with lead ^{161, 256, 409, 604, 829, 832, 1117, 1493, 1685} or lead oxide. ^{19b, 160, 576b, 824, 1127c, 1170} Lead and manganese colophony salts and oleates are mentioned in an 1898 patent as desulfurizing agents. ¹⁹⁹ Treatment with various lead compounds has been recommended for the desulfurization of vegetable oils. ^{794b}

The "Doctor" Treatment

Reference must be made to reviews. 531, 846c

This treatment, long and extensively used for "sweetening" "sour" gasolines, involves two steps: the formation of lead mercaptides and the conversion of these into alkyl disulfides with the precipitation of lead sulfide.

Lead plumbite was used in 1895 by Mabery ^{1002a} for purifying kerosene, but no mention is made of any further treatment. It is mentioned in two patents to Henry ⁷⁰⁷ in 1898 and appears to have been followed by oxidation.

The "doctor" solution is prepared by dissolving litharge in aqueous sodium hydroxide which may be from 4 to 24%. The weaker solution dissolves about 1.5% of litharge and the stronger about 3%. Doubtless sodium plumbite is the active constituent, but it is convenient to consider the alkali as only a mutual solvent for the mercaptans and the lead oxide. When this solution is agitated with a sour naphtha, lead mercaptides are

formed. According to conditions, either one or two molecules of mercaptan may react with one of lead hydroxide:

Both the basic and neutral lead mercaptides pass back into the hydrocarbon layer. Evaporation of this leaves the lead mercaptides as a yellowish mass, which is solid, pasty, or oily according to the mercaptans present.^{1225a}

The second step is the conversion of the lead mercaptides to the disulfides. This is effected by the addition of sulfur to the naphtha containing the mercaptides. The reaction is written:

$$Pb(SR)_2 + S \rightarrow RSSR + PbS$$

This looks simple but is actually quite complicated. There are a number of reactions some of which appear to be: 411, 1225c

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RS-Pb-SR
                                                  PbS
                  S
                              RS-PbS-SR
RS.Pb.SR
                  2 S
                                                      PbS<sub>2</sub>
                                                                     RS:SR
RS-PbOH
                   S
                              RS·S·PbOH
RS-PbOH
                   2 S
                                RS·S·S·PbOH
2 RS·S·PbOH
                       HOPb·S·S·PbOH
                                                 RS-SR
2 RS·S·S·PbOH
                        HOPb·S<sub>4</sub>·PbOH
                                                  RS-SR
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The final result is that represented by the first simple equation; the mercaptan is oxidised to the disulfide which remains in the naphtha.

The amount of sulfur added should be just right. If too much is used, the gasoline is corrosive, if too little, lead mercaptides are left in it.^{1056a} The naphtha containing the lead mercaptides may be agitated with aqueous sodium polysulfide, which supplies the sulfur.^{1122b, 1595, 1596, 1597} Any excess sulfur may be taken out by agitating with sodium sulfide solution.¹⁴⁴ An oxidising agent precipitates the lead as oxide or hydroxide:

$$(RS)_2Pb + O \rightarrow RS \cdot SR + PbC$$

In the presence of alkali, this oxidation may be effected by air. 309b Various such agents have been recommended, hypochlorite, 22b, 23, 174, 1010, 1190 hydrogen peroxide, 187, 1240a cupric chloride, 695 or permanganate. 96 If lead plumbate is used in the first step, instead of a part or all of the plumbite, additional oxidising agent is not necessary. 554, 863, 1500 The lead mercaptides are precipitated from solution by exposure to ultraviolet light. 1126b

The doctor solution may be used to take out elemental sulfur. 781, 827a, 1483, 1687c

The operation may be continuous ^{636b, 654, 1527} and may be carried out at above 90°. ^{328e} An alcoholic solution has been recommended. ^{486b, 1687b} Certain organic compounds are claimed as solutizers. ^{724a, 1141} Mercuric chloride, ¹⁵³⁹ lead antimonate, ⁸⁷⁸ and powdered antimony ⁴⁰⁰ have been suggested as useful additions to the doctor solution.

The addition of hydrogen sulfide to the naphtha before treatment is said to be beneficial. 1241, 1306

There has been much discussion as to the role of lead sulfide in sweetening.^{1121b, 1686} It seems to serve as a catalyst in promoting the reactions involved.^{33, 1689} Experiments with several mercaptans added to sulfur-free naphtha showed that oxygen alone does not sweeten and the addition of lead sulfide does not help, but oxygen, lead sulfide, and sodium hydroxide do sweeten.¹¹⁴⁰ The lead sulfide acts as a catalyst when a sour gasoline is blown with air in the presence of sodium plumbite solution.⁹²⁵

The study of this effect lead to experiments in which lead plumbite, the characteristic constituent of the doctor solution was left out. 1382, 1383, 1456. In the "Stratco" process, a naphtha is blown with sodium hydroxide in which lead sulfide is suspended. 15, 40c, 1197, 1550, 1587b Freshly precipitated lead sulfide is more effective. 1551 A minor amount of cupric hydroxide is a useful addition to the sodium hydroxide and lead sulfide. 1240b Oxygen may be supplied by sodium peroxide. 1583 It is claimed that the sweetening process goes on in the absence of oxygen if the solution is kept substantially free of lead salts by the regulated addition of sodium sulfide. 217 After all, the lead plumbite may be present though it was supposed to have been left out. It is known that lead sulfide is oxidised easily to lead sulfate, which may dissolve in the alkali to form lead plumbite.

Sweetening is effected by treating an oil with alkali, lead sulfide, and sulfur. 504, 783

As far as odor is concerned the *doctor* treatment is entirely satisfactory.¹⁰⁴⁹ It is frequently combined with other treatments to give a finished product.^{12b, 436, 528c, 594, 953b, 1122a, 1283}

The regeneration of the doctor solution and the recovery of lead and other substances from it have received considerable attention but cannot be gone into here. A few references are given.^{10a}.

31, 35, 52, 120c, 321, 348, 373, 392, 414, 484, 500, 503b, 593b, 723a, 730, 751, 876, 1062, 1076, 1085, 1131, 1221a, 1243, 1299, 1307, 1315, 1413, 1497, 1543, 1621, 1656, 1715, 1716b

Various ways of using lead sulfide have been proposed. 539, 671b, 672a, 841b, 979, 999

Lead naphthenate and sulfur, in the presence of water, are recommended for the removal of mercaptans. An intimate mixture of calcium hydroxide, lead oxide, and sulfur has been proposed for sweetening naphthas. Gasoline may be treated with sodium hydroxide and sulfur and then with dry powdered lead plumbite. Apple

The doctor process is said to be applicable to the removal of mercaptans from secondary alcohols.⁴²

Many factors are involved in *doctor* sweetening. 981, 983 A large volume would be required to describe its many modifications and its applications and adaptations to various oils. All that can be done here is to list a few articles 141, 144, 197, 396, 430, 459, 561, 669b, 670, 706, 995, 1133b, 1486c, 1528, 1727, 1728, 1734 and some of the patents. 97, 137, 146, 157, 207, 215, 234c, 237, 297, 330a, 336, 348, 441a, 460, 462, 503a, 509, 653, 659, 732, 746, 765b, 779b, 785, 836a, 841a, 858, 898, 915, 972, 982, 986, 1012, 1102, 1127a, 1205a, 1209, 1228, 1240d, 1357, 1457, 1467, 1474, 1511, 1531a, 1548, 1565, 1587a, 1655, 1687a, 1718

Physical Methods for the Removal of Sulfur Compounds

These do not properly come under reactions of mercaptans but are mentioned briefly for the sake of completeness.

SOLVENT EXTRACTION

The refining of petroleum distillates would be beautifully simple if a solvent could be found which would selectively extract all of the undesirable and none of the desirable constituents. In spite of many efforts this dream has not been realized. Solvents have been found which dissolve the sulfur compounds preferentially but none that take them out completely and exclusively. A serious difficulty is that the good solvents for sulfur compounds are also good solvents for olefins, which are present in cracked distillates, and for aromatics, which abound in the catalytically cracked fractions. This is the same difficulty which has been encountered with sulfuric acid treatment. A few articles and patents are noted.

Liquid sulfur dioxide is the solvent most frequently recommended. 12a, 12b, 69, 141, 202, 417a, 417c, 435, 436, 436.5, 454, 465, 630, 1138a, 1667b, 1734 It may be used with carbon dioxide, 563, 1562 with propane, 506, 1559 or with pyridine. 507

Furfural has met with some favor. 450, 624, 625, 1052, 1586a Phenol, cresols and mixtures containing them, 289a, 610, 1364, 1531c, 1552b aniline, 275 aminobiphenyl, 289b alcohols, 233b, 530, 657, 676, 1615 aminoalcohols, 1151, 1458 amines, 1708 glycols, 1022, 1041c formic esters, 796a, 800, 997 nitrobenzene, 501b, 1364 amyl acetate, 1584 acetone, 21, 225, 1364, 1644 aldehydes, 72, 383, 1731b ethylene and propylene oxides, 437 and water, 967 particularly at a high temperature under pressure, 46, 830 have been proposed. Phenol is recommended for lubricating oils. 1552a

At low temperatures, sulfuric acid may be considered as a selective solvent, but its use has already been discussed under oxidation. Phosphoric acid is of some value.^{121b}

Extractions with selective solvents are carried out extensively in the petroleum industry, but the removal of sulfur compounds is only incidental.^{845b}

DESULFURIZATION BY ADSORBENTS

While adsorption is primarily a physical process, it is frequently accompanied by oxidation, polymerization, 192, 666, 667 and other chemical changes in the substance adsorbed. Probably all adsorbents are more or less selective, but none has been found that takes out sulfur compounds and nothing else. As was stated about selective solvents, olefins and aromatics tend to go along with the sulfur compounds. Adsorbents are used extensively in the petroleum industry for purifying oils, particularly for the less volatile types, but desulfurization is only one item. The elimination of gum formers and color bodies is usually the main objective. Oxidising 393 and other agents are sometimes added. This subject can be treated only briefly here.

Silica gel is discussed in a number of articles. 141, 188, 744, 754, 891a, 891b, 1056d, 1404c, 1665, 1667a, 1668, 1670a, 1670b, 1728, 1731a, 1761a A chromatographic separation of paraffins, olefins, aromatics, and sulfur compounds can be made with a column of silica gel. 885, 674 It is said to take thiophenol out of phenol. 1417c A few patents are listed. 330c, 734, 752, 1417b, 1696 It may be combined with alumina gel 1266c which may be used alone. 285, 1728 Alcohols and mercaptans may be separated by silica gel. 48.5

Fuller's earth, 34, 240, 422, 581, 582, 608b, 629, 1728 clay, 328a, 434, 890, 896, 1481a, 1663a and bauxite 38, 108, 200, 212, 367, 417a, 417c, 423, 425, 426, 628b, 723c, 762, 1340a have received much attention. Activated charcoal 286, 747, 796b, 891a, 1353, 1697, 1755, 1776 and other adsorbents 3, 328b, 390c, 840a, 1049, 1050, 1080, 1098, 1556 have been recommended.

Various additions, methods of activating adsorbents by additions or by special treatments, and different ways of using them have been proposed but cannot be expanded on here.

DESILEURIZATION BY FREEZING

In some cases, a major portion of the hydrocarbons can be solidified by strong cooling and the sulfur compounds left in the liquid part.^{1199d} This method has been used to free benzene of thiophene.^{738, 1636}

SEGREGATION BY DISTILLATION

In some cases, considerable concentration of the sulfur in certain fractions, or in the residue, may be effected by careful fractionation, either straight or azeotropic. This may lighten the load on the desulfurizing process.⁶⁴⁵, ⁶⁴⁷, ⁹³², ¹¹⁰³, ¹³⁹¹, ^{1445b}, ^{1486b}, ^{1530b}, ¹⁵⁸¹, ¹⁷³⁰

Detection of Mercaptans

On account of the importance of mercaptans in the refining of petroleum products, much attention has been given to their detection and estimation. In practice, usually the "doctor" test is used for this purpose. A distillate supposed to contain mercaptans is shaken with lead plumbite solution from which it is separated. A hydrocarbon containing a small percentage of free sulfur is added. The formation of a black precipitate of lead sulfide indicates the presence of a mercaptan. If no such precipitate forms, the gasoline is said to be "sweet." 1107, 1171, 1702 For the chemistry of this test, reference should be made to the section on the "doctor" treatment. It is extremely sensitive, capable of detecting a molar concentration of 0.00006% mercaptan. 925 The sensitivity varies with the mercaptan, being 0.002% for methyl, 0.0002% for butyl, and 0.00009% for heptyl. 197 It has been maintained that it is unnecessary to refine a gasoline until it can pass so severe a test. 381, 444, 669b, 670, 912, 984 It should be noted that diolefins and some terpenes react with the doctor solution. 1121a, 1386 Organic peroxides give a dark precipitate of lead peroxide in the doctor test.²⁰⁸ Standardized conditions for making the test are important.³⁶³

Conversely, the doctor test can be used to show the presence of sulfur in a naphtha. A mercaptan, such as butyl, is added to the suspected naphtha which is then shaken with the lead plumbite solution. Different authors give the sensitivity of this test as 2.5 to 20 parts of sulfur per million of gasoline. 113, 983, 10578, 1632, 1723

There are several color tests for mercaptans. Isatin in sulfuric acid gives a green color with a mercaptan.368, 1339, 1613 A mixture of fuchsin, formaldehyde, and sulfuric acid will show the presence of mercaptans or of thioacids. 1535 Ferric chloride, 881c, 1308 tetranitromethane, trinitrochloromethane, trinitrobromomethane. 1008 and chloropicrin 1313 give colors. The alkyl thionitrites, RSNO, from nitrous acid, have distinctive colors, red for primary and secondary, and green for tertiary. 1348 Sodium nitroprusside is employed in several tests. 661, 1056c, 1222, 1309, 1769 A red-violet color is produced by 0.0001% mercaptan sulfur in solvents or petroleum fractions. This is said to be the most sensitive test. 533.5 It is quicker than the "doctor" test.826.5 Grote's reagent gives a purple-red color.627 The acceleration of the reaction of sodium triazotate with iodine can show the presence of a mercaptan. 494. ⁴⁹⁵ This is more sensitive to mercaptans than to other sulfur compounds. 56.5 Bismuthtriethyl and lead tetraethyl serve to detect the sulfhydryl group. 578, 1182 A disulfide reagent, 2,2'dihydroxy-6,6'-naphtholdisulfide, has been recommended as a reagent for detecting the presence of mercaptan groups in proteins. 86.5 Mercaptans can be detected by the use of the blood of larvae of actia caia. 1421

Gases containing mercaptan vapors may be passed through alcohol having mercuric oxide in suspension, or mercuric chloride ¹³⁰ or cyanide ^{127, 1185} in solution. An aqueous solution of cadmium chloride, or acetate, may be used. ^{1021, 1171} By adjusting the acidity, a distinction can be made between mercaptans and hydrogen sulfide. ^{1358, 1463} Liquid hydrocarbons containing mercaptans can be shaken with one of these solutions. ¹⁵⁸⁵ Detailed directions of tests for aliphatic and aromatic mercaptans have been given. ^{853,5}

The corrosion of a copper strip is a test much used industrially.^{49b, 407, 451, 669a, 1077, 1386} In making this test control of

time and temperature is important.^{260, 1386} A silver strip is similarly affected.^{407, 1077} Mercury may also be used.^{1077, 1386} Elemental sulfur is even more corrosive than mercaptans ³⁷ and must be eliminated before testing for mercaptans. The corrosive effects of several mercaptans have been compared with those of other sulfur compounds.⁶⁹⁷

Petroleum peroxides give a black precipitate with mercury.39

Estimation of Mercaptans

Methods for determining mercaptans have been reviewed.^{292.5} A commonly used method for determining mercaptans is the titration with iodine:

Since hydriodic acid is a strong reducing agent, the reaction does not go to completion unless it is removed. The mercaptan is dissolved in a hydrocarbon, such as benzene, under which there is a water layer to take care of the acid. A standard solution of iodine is run in as long as it is decolorized. Naturally, high values are obtained if unsaturates are present. This can be checked by titrating the acid in the water layer. By taking proper precautions, an accuracy of about 0.1% may be attained. 870, 882, 1189a, 1217, 1378, 1385, 1405 An alcoholic iodine solution containing pyridine has been used. 674.5 A tertiary mercaptan may take twice as much iodine and go to the sulfenyl iodide instead of the disulfide: 899c

RSH
$$+$$
 1 $_2$ o RSI $+$ HI

Much attention has been given to the iodometric titration of cysteine. 922, 936, 989, 1482, 1634 The oxidation does not always stop at the disulfide stage, but may go on to cysteic acid. 1472, 1473

A mercaptan can be titrated with lead tetraacetate.946

It has been proposed to determine a mercaptan by its reducing action on cupric chloride. The resulting cuprous chloride is titrated with permanganate.¹⁴⁴⁰

When a mercaptan reacts with a cupric salt, a cuprous mercaptide is formed:

$$2 \, \mathrm{CuCl}_2 + 4 \, \mathrm{RSH} \rightarrow 2 \, \mathrm{CuSR} + \mathrm{RSSR} + 4 \, \mathrm{HCl}$$

The cuprous mercaptide is a pale yellow and the disulfide is colorless, or nearly so. To determine a mercaptan, a standard

ammoniacal solution of a cupric salt is run in until the blue color persists. 120a. 1476 In order to have the reaction take place in a single phase, when a mercaptan is in hydrocarbon solution, a standard solution of cupric oleate or naphthenate in kerosene has been proposed. This is added as long as the color is changed to a pale yellow. 173 A cupric alkyl phthalate may be substituted for the oleate. Cupric octyl phthalate, which is readily soluble in hydrocarbons, is used for mercaptans in gasoline, while cupric butyl phthalate is suitable for alcoholic solutions. 1609 The cupric oleate method has been used for determining mercaptan warning agents in natural gas. 577, 1233, 1499 Cupric acetate has also been used for this purpose. 456.5

V Silver nitrate is particularly useful in the detection and estimation of mercaptans. A black precipitate with it is a sensitive test for the presence of mercaptans in distillates.¹¹⁷¹ This has been compared with the doctor test.¹¹⁰⁷ As the precipitation of silver mercaptides is quantitative, this gives a method of estimation. A naphtha, from which hydrogen sulfide has been removed, is shaken with a measured volume of standard silver nitrate solution, the excess of which is determined by titration.¹⁸⁴ The original method has been modified and improved in various ways.^{25, 78, 101, 1043, 1045b, 1056b, 1606b, 1723} The silver mercaptides may be filtered off and weighed.⁹³¹ Elementary sulfur does not interfere.¹⁴¹⁸ An automatic recorder for plant control uses silver nitrate.¹²⁸²

Mercaptans can be titrated potentiometrically ^{340, 1572, 1573} or amperometrically ^{521, 899b, 900, 1373, 1545} with the aid of silver nitrate. An acidimetric method is based on the liberation of acid by the reaction of a mercaptan with silver sulfate ^{1056b} or mercuric chloride. ¹⁴⁰⁵ A polarographic method has been proposed. ^{570,5}

A mercaptan can be determined colorimetrically by the aid of phosphotungstic acid. 1430b

A single volatile mercaptan, resulting from a chemical reaction, may be distilled into a lead acetate 1185, 1189b, 1385, 1459 or mercuric cyanide solution. 127, 1185, 1457.5 By weighing the precipitate and determining its metal content the amount and molecular weight of the mercaptan can be found.

The widely used lamp method for the determination of the total sulfur in distillates ^{49a, 823, 1057b, 1447} is applicable to mercaptans, ^{583, 1762} but only when no other sulfur compounds are

present. It may give low results with mercaptans, particularly when large amounts are present. 476. 1670b. 1670c Since a large sample of the naphtha may be burned, the lamp method is particularly applicable to the estimation of small percentages of sulfur compounds. An aryl mercaptan can be oxidised over platinum gauze at 900° and the sulfur weighed as barium sulfate. 495.5

The opposite of the lamp method is passing the hydrocarbon, containing the sulfur compounds, with hydrogen, over a catalyst which converts them to hydrogen sulfide, which is determined.^{1392b}

In the determination of a mercaptan in the oxygen bomb, the oxygen pressure should not be less than 35 atmospheres. 387b Lead nitrate may be used to precipitate the sulfuric acid. 1731c There is always the possibility of the formation of more or less of a sulfonic acid which resists further oxidation and is not precipitated by barium or lead ions. 616 The bomb method is not applicable to low percentages of sulfur compounds, since the size of the sample is limited. The Parr bomb may be used. 445a It is subject to the same limitations as to size of sample. Preliminary oxidation of the mercaptans with bromine or nitric acid reduces their volatility. 1671a

A given petroleum distillate may contain hydrogen sulfide, free sulfur, alkyl sulfides and disulfides, and thiophenes, along with mercaptans. The usual question is: How much of the total sulfur is accounted for by each of these classes? To answer this requires a number of analyses and some arithmetic. Several schemes have been proposed. 101, 213, 486a, 551, 846b, 1237, 1689 The total sulfur is determined, usually by the lamp method. Hydrogen sulfide is removed by shaking with cadmium chloride or sodium bicarbonate 213 solution, and free sulfur with mercury. Mercaptans are determined by any appropriate method. Disulfides are reduced by zinc and acid and estimated as mercaptans. Some determinations may be made in succession and some on aliquots. Alkyl sulfides are precipitated with mercurous nitrate or titrated with bromine. 101 Any undetermined sulfur is credited to thiophenes.

To determine mercaptans in a sodium hydroxide solution which has been used to extract them, the solution is acidified and extracted with a sulfur-free naphtha. They are then estimated in the hydrocarbon.⁹⁰⁶

Conversely, mercaptans can be used as analytical reagents.

One in particular, 3,4-toluenedithiol, serves well for the detection and estimation of molybdenum, tungsten, rhenium, and tin, with which it gives distinctive colors.^{74, 134, 280, 658, 1096, 1274, 1478} 2-Mercaptobenzoxazole serves for the determination of rhodium.¹³⁹⁴ Several substituted mercaptoimidazoles give characteristic colors with heavy metals.⁹²³ The extensive use of 2-mercaptobenzothiazole for this purpose will be discussed when this compound is considered in a later chapter.

Ethyl mercaptan has been employed in the separation of the metals of the platinum group. It gives a yellow coloration with a solution of 1 part of palladium in 1 million parts of water.¹¹⁶⁹

Identification of Mercaptans

The mercuric derivatives, (RS)₂Hg, which were among the first mercaptides to be prepared, have convenient melting points and have been used frequently for identification.^{139a, 267, 1264} They serve well for distinguishing the isomeric propyl and butyl mercaptans. Their melting points are given in Table 11.2, along with those of other derivatives. s-Butyl mercaptan has been identified by the mercury derivative s-BuSHgCl.⁵²² The lead mercaptides have been prepared, but their melting points are not satisfactory and get worse on recrystallization.⁵¹⁴ This is probably due to air oxidation.^{1225b}

The alkyl α -anthraquinone sulfides are easily prepared from the mercaptans in alkaline solution with a salt of α -anthraquinone sulfonic acid:

$$C_{14}H_7O_2SO_3Na + NaSR \rightarrow C_{14}H_7O_2SR + Na_2SO_8$$

With the higher mercaptans, some alcohol should be added to promote solution. These sulfides crystallize well and have good melting points. They can be oxidised to the sulfones.^{458a, 737, 1326}

The p-nitrophenyl alkyl sulfides, NO₂C₆H₄SR, melt low but can be oxidised to sulfones.¹⁶⁵⁴ The 2,4-dinitrophenyl alkyl sulfides, 2,4-(NO₂)₂C₆H₃SR, which can be made from 2,4-dinitro-chlorobenzene and the mercaptide, and their sulfones are good derivatives.^{189, 190}

The melting points of the aryl p-nitrothiobenzoates, p-NO₂C₆H₄COSAr, are conveniently high, but those of the alkyl esters are too low.⁶²² The alkyl 3,5-dinitrothiobenzoates melt somewhat higher but hardly high enough. The 3-nitrothio-

phthalates melt high enough, but the spread is small.¹⁶⁹⁴ Pseudo-saccharin chloride gives satisfactory derivatives with many aliphatic mercaptans.^{1074.5}

Triphenylmethyl chloride reacts with a mercaptan in ether solution:

$$Ph_3CCI + HSR \rightarrow Ph_3CSR + HCI$$

The methyl derivative melts at 105°, the ethyl at 125°, and the phenyl at 105°. This looks like a promising reagent. Diphenylcarbamyl chloride, Ph₂NCOCl, reacts with mercaptans to give Ph₂NCOSR. The ethyl ester melts at 108° and the benzyl at 125°. More of these should be made.

The melting points of a number of these derivatives are given in Table 11.2. An inspection of the data shows that much remains to be done. There are many blanks in the table, particularly with the higher mercaptans and several of the series show rather narrow spreads.

The mercury derivatives serve for some of the mercaptans. For the normal mercaptans, the spread is not great and data are lacking for the higher. The α-anthraquinone derivatives for the lower mercaptans are good but are also lacking for the higher. The p-nitrophenyl sulfones are good as far as they go but their preparation involves two steps. The only series that are fairly complete are IV and V, 2,4-dinitrophenyl sulfides and sulfones. As the sulfones are made from the sulfides by a simple oxidation, two derivatives are made from one sample of mercaptan. Except for the first three members, the spread is not large in either series. The melting points of the 3,5-dinitrobenzoates, series VI, are inconveniently low. So far as made, all of the 3-nitrophthalates melt between 132° and 149°.

Physiological Effects

Methyl mercaptan acts on the central nervous system of fish to produce paralysis.²⁹⁹ It is relatively nontoxic, 0.5% by volume of the vapor being required to produce paralysis in rats.⁹⁶⁵ The toxicity of ethyl mercaptan vapors has been compared with that of other vapors.¹⁰¹³ It depresses the activity of catalase and peroxidase ^{317, 1101} and inhibits the growth of yeast,⁵⁸⁹ but may serve as a source of sulfur for the growth of cellar mold.⁸⁶⁸ It counteracts chloropicrin.⁷⁰ Less than 1% in anesthetic ether has little

	I *	II *	III *	IV *	v *	VI*	VII*
Methyl	176 *.1	221 h	142.5 k	128 1,8	189.5 1	_	
Ethyl	85 b	184 h	138.5 k	115 1.4	160 ¹	62 °	149 °
Propyl	72 °	151 h	114 k	84 1,5	127.5 ¹	52 °	137 °
Butyl	86 °,2	112.5 h	56.4 k	66 ¹	92 ¹	49 °	144 °
Amyl	75 °	128.8 1	_	80 ¹	83 ¹	40 °	132 °
Hexyl	58 ^d	113.9 1		74 ¹	97 ¹		
Heptyl	77 °	95.9 1		82 ¹	101 ¹	53 °	132 °
Octyl	71 ^d	95.2 1	_	78 ¹	98 ¹		_
Nonyl		117 '		86 ¹	92 ¹		_
Decyl				85 ^m	93 m	_	_
Undecy!	_			90 ^m	97 ^m		_
Dodecyl	_	_		89 m	101 m	_	
Tridecyl	_		_	94.5 ⁿ	101.5 ⁿ	_	
Myristyl	_			94 ⁿ	104.5 P		_
Pentadecyl	_	_	_				_
Cetyl	_		_	96 n,6	105 ^m		_
Heptadecyl		_	_	99 n	106.5 n		_
Octadecyl				97.5 n	107.5 °		_
i-Propyl	63 °	134 ¹	115.3 ^k	94 c.7		84 °	145 °
i-Butyl	95 °	144 ¹	73 ×	76 ^{p.8}	105 ^p	64 °	136 °
s-Butyl	189 °	_	_				_
t-Butyl	160 f		_	_			
i-Amyl	100 °	86 ¹	_	80 ^p		43 °	145 °
t-Amyl	60 ^g				_		_
Cyclohexyl	78 °	_		148 m,9	172 m	_	

Table 11.2

Melting Points of Some Mercaptan Derivatives

References

* 153	° 1347	¹ 458a	^m 189	^q 242.5
^b 1764d	f 1349	¹ 737	ⁿ 514	r 1703.5
° 1694	⁸ 816	k 1654	° 1677	• 1761.5
^a 1053	^h 1326	¹ 190	^p 188.5	' 1517.5

Other data

1 178°, 158 2 85°, 157, 1068 8 126°, 1708.5 4 113°, 1708.5 5 81°, 83.5°, 342.5 6 95°, 188.7 92°, 342.5 8 72°, 1708.5 9 147°, 242.5 145°, 1761.5 146°, 1517.5

effect. A review has been written on the toxicology of aliphatic mercaptans. $^{25.5}$ m-Nitrothiophenol has been compared with a number of other compounds as an anticoccidal agent. The

^{*}I = (RS)₂Hg. II = α -Anthraquinone SR, III = p-O₂NC₆H₄SO₂R, IV = 2,4-(O₂N)₂C₆H₃SR, V = 2,4-(O₂N)₂C₆H₅SO₂R, VI = 3,5-(O₂N)₂C₆H₃COSR, VII = 3-Nitrophthalic.

thiocresols are about four times as toxic as the cresols.⁵⁷¹ Thiophenol lowers the blood sugar in rabbits.^{1389.5}

The relations between the structure of thiols and their reactions with antibiotics have been traced. Streptomycin is inactivated by β -aminoethyl mercaptan and by cysteine. The activation of papain by various mercaptans has been studied. 1451

Ethyl mercaptan breaks the dormancy of potato tubers $^{1100, 1101}$ and p-thiocresol does the same for peach buds. 635

It was noted that the parts of roots in which growth by cell division normally occurs most rapidly gave the strongest test with nitroprusside, indicating a concentration of sulfhydryl compounds.³⁶ Ethyl mercaptan improves the root system of tobacco.¹²¹⁸ These observations led to experiments on the skin of animals and eventually on humans. These have demonstrated that mercaptans do aid in the healing of wounds. The one used most extensively has been p-thiocresol with benzyl mercaptan in second place.^{70, 505, 660, 662, 664, 665, 1118, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1335, 1336, 1600, 1712} It has been found that thioglucose ^{663, 1334} and thioglycerol ^{1566, 1567} are also effective.

Uses of Mercaptans

As Intermediates

The industrial uses of mercaptans are small compared to those of some other classes of organic compounds, such as alcohols and amines, but some of them are important. The disagreeable odors of the lower mercaptans have been a serious handicap. Only recently have the higher mercaptans become available.

The reactivity of mercaptans and the variety of compounds that can be made from them make them attractive starting materials. Ethyl mercaptan has long been employed as one of the starting materials for making sulfonal, Me₂C(SO₂Et)₂. The lower mercaptans, which are obtained in the process of refining gasoline, are available in quantity and await applications.

Methyl mercaptan has come into demand for the industrial synthesis of methionine.

Mercaptans may be starting materials for making plastics, 958, 1419, 1533 wetting agents, pharmaceuticals and insecticides. 1422b

Mercaptans can be made to combine with acetylene to give vinyl sulfides, RSCH:CH₂, to which mercaptans can be added,

giving derivatives of ethanedithiol, RSCH₂CH₂SR'. These products have various uses. 806a

As Odors

The powerful odor of ethyl mercaptan, which has been against other uses, makes it desirable for disclosing leaks in distribution systems for natural gas. About eight pounds per million cubic feet of gas is sufficient to disclose leaks in underground pipes. 1161, 1408 It may be added to methyl chloride and other refrigerants as a warning agent. Amyl mercaptan also has been recommended for this purpose. Butyl mercaptan has been used for emergency warning in mines. Cal-Odorant, presumably a mixture of the lower mercaptans from the refining of high-sulfur petroleum, is used as an odorant in natural gas. Sec. 758, 1392a

During World War I, n-butyl mercaptan was proposed as a camouflage gas. A quantity of it was manufactured at the American University in Washington, but there is no record of its use.²⁷

As Antioxidants and Inhibitors

The antioxidant and stabilizing power of mercaptans is attributed to the removal of catalytic quinones.⁸²¹ Mercaptans in general, and thioglycolic acid in particular, inhibit the catalytic effect of copper salts in oxidation.^{1430a}

Various mercaptans are claimed as stabilizers for polysulfone resins. Butyl mercaptan, 0.1% or less, stabilizes chlorine compounds, such as carbon tetrachloride, trichloroethylene and perchlorethylene. Ethyl mercaptan stabilizes ethylene sulfide and similar cyclic sulfides. n-Hexyl and β-naphthyl mercaptans are recommended as antioxidants for white oil, a petroleum product. Lauryl mercaptan and 2-mercaptobenzothiazole are claimed as stabilizers for pyrethreum-DDT aerosol mixtures. t-Butyl and other mercaptans stabilize alkyl thionitrites in fuel blends. 224

In the pickling of steel sheets, 0.03% of *i*-propyl, *i*-amyl, benzyl or β -naphthyl mercaptans is said to be sufficient as an inhibitor.²⁴³ The higher alcohols, which are by-products in the methanol synthesis, may be turned into mercaptans for this use.⁹⁶⁶ The decomposition of tetralin peroxide is greatly influenced by the presence of propyl and phenyl mercaptans.¹⁷⁵⁴

Unsaturated fatty oils are said to be stabilized by reacting with

a higher mercaptan in the presence of a catalyst.¹⁶⁶⁴ Molding powders are improved by the addition of a small amount of a mercaptan.^{533, 1079}

One per cent, or less, of a mercaptan and an aliphatic amine prevent gum formation in cracked petroleum distillates.^{234b} A selenomercaptan has the same effect.^{1377, 1540.5} Mercaptans are useful in various oils.³⁶⁰ They prevent corrosion by antifreeze liquids.^{290, 428b} Certain mercaptans are added to lubricating oils to prevent bearing corrosion.^{433, 1632.6} β-Alkylaminomercaptans, RNHCHMeCH₂SH, in which R may be lauryl or cyclohexyl, are recommended as oxidation retarders.^{795c} A colloidal dispersion of zinc salts and mercaptans added to latex improves its qualities.²⁶⁶ A study has been made of the addition of mercaptans to petroleum products.^{257.5}

The use of mercaptans to control polymerization is probably connected with their antioxidant properties. They may be used to modify the polymerization of various monomers, 312.5, 428c, 898.5, 1658 of butadiene, 795b of other hydrocarbons, 305 and of methyl methacrylate. 168, 298 They lead to synthetic rubbers of improved qualities. 545, 1064 Studies have been made of the relation of the thiol structure to this effect 521 and of the reaction of the thiol with the catalyst. The role of mercaptans in regulating polymerization has been discussed. 864.5 This use of mercaptans has grown to large proportions. 92, 613, 795b, 899a, 913, 1143, 1504

Mercaptans promote the isomerization of straight-chain paraffins to branched 493 and of α,β -unsaturated acids from the cis to the trans form. 1453

As Pesticides

Mercaptans and mixtures containing them have been tried out as pesticides.^{128, 223, 372, 637, 795a, 917, 966, 1341, 1599.5, 1638, 1756} Mercaptans and other sulfur compounds prepared from chlorinated higher aliphatic hydrocarbons are said to be useful in combating pests.⁷⁹⁹ Lauryl mercaptan is claimed as an insecticide and fungicide.⁶⁰⁰

Ethyl mercaptan has been tried against a number of insects with varying success.^{1114, 1178, 1522} Of five lower mercaptans, it is the most toxic to rice weevils, 17 mg. per liter.¹³⁶⁰ It increases the attractiveness of food to flies.^{924, 1234} Butyl mercaptan was found to be a repellant for white rats, but not for ordinary wild rats.⁵¹³

It repels flies $^{924,\ 1234}$ and is a fumigant against weevils. $^{1178,\ 1360}$ Phenyl mercaptan increases the effectiveness of hydrocyanic acid somewhat. 1288 β -Thionaphthol is moderately effective against mosquito larvae 245 and aphids, 1350 but not against Japanese beetles. 510 It is not toxic to silk worms, 585 but damages bean foliage. 1115

In FLOTATION

Mercaptans are useful in flotation along with the widely used xanthates. Terpene mercaptans are recommended.^{177, 1310, 1390} Mercaptans alone, or mixed with alkyl sulfides, are claimed for the flotation of copper sulfide ores.^{720, 988, 1148} Sodium, zinc and lead mercaptides are said to be useful in flotation.^{860, 1105} The mixed mercaptans from the higher alcohols of the methanol synthesis are claimed.⁹⁶⁶

MISCELLANEOUS USES

Thiocresol aids the dispersing of Paris green in water.¹¹⁶⁰ A linear polymer can be made by the reaction of a diisocyanate with a dithiol such as decamethylene dimercaptan.²⁶¹ Resins can be obtained by heating phenol and sulfur chloride with a mixture of mercaptans, such as is extracted from petroleum.^{1454b} Mercaptoethylamines, HSCH₂CH₂NHR and HSCH₂CH₂NR₂, may be starting materials for making vulcanization accelerators.^{806b} 2-Mercaptoarylthiazoles serve the same purpose.⁸⁰³ Sulfurized turpentine or pine oil, supposed to contain terpene mercaptans, is recommended as a plasticizer for chlorinated rubber.¹²²⁴

Polymeric organic sulfides are plasticized by the joint action of a mercaptan and an unpolymerizable disulfide.⁸¹¹ The addition of multivalent metal salts of a terpenethiol reduces materially the milling time in compounding rubber.¹⁶³³ Particular concentrations of ethyl mercaptan stabilize colloidal solutions of sulfur.⁸¹⁹ In alkaline solution, mercaptans have a depilatory action which may be utilized for removing hair from hides.^{1610, 1611, 1719} They may be constituents of depilatories for human use.^{480, 1388} The use of mercaptans in hair waving will be taken up in connection with thioglycolic acid. The addition of a small amount of a mercaptan to a fuel is said to suppress carbonization of metal parts.^{1632,4} In the oxidation of methanol to formaldehyde, mercaptans are claimed to diminish the formation of undesirable by-

products.^{1243.5} It is reported that thiophenol, used in the high-temperature digestion of wood, gave marked improvement in plastic properties.^{654.5} Mercaptans are used in one way or another in making extreme-pressure lubricants.^{337, 483, 1293, 1294} Ethyl and butyl mercaptans are said to aid in the production of asphalt from petroleum residues.¹⁰¹⁴ Octadecyl mercaptan and sulfide have been recommended for the moisture proofing of Cellophane.²⁷⁷

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Negative Derivatives

General

The metal mercaptides are derivatives of mercaptans in which a positive metal has replaced the hydrogen of the sulfhydryl group. This chapter will be devoted to compounds in which the place of this hydrogen has been taken by a negative element or group. Some of these are well known and important, others much less so. Various types are presented here.

RSCI	RSBr	RSI	
Sulfenylchloride	bromide	iodide	
RSOH	RSOR'	RSNH ₂	
Sulfenic acid	ester	amide_	
RSSH		RSSR'	
Thiosulfenic acid		ester	
RSCN	RS·SCN	RS•SeCN	
Sulfenyl cyanide	thiocyanate	selenocyanate	
RSNO		RSNO ₂	
Alkyl thionitrite	thionitrate		
· RS•COMe	RS*CSMe		
Ester of thioacetic	of dithioacetic acid		
RS•O•SR		RS•S•SR	
Sulfenic anhydride		thioanhydride	
(RS) ₃ P	(RS) ₃ As	(RS) ₃ Sb	
Trialkyl trithiophosphite	trithioarsenite	trithioantimonate	
(RS) ₃ PO	(RS) ₃ AsO		
Trialkyl trithiophosphate	trithioarsenate		
·(RS) ₄ C	(RS) ₄ Si	(RS) ₄ Ge	
Tetraalkyl tetrathioortho- carbonate	silicate	germanate	
RS·SO _s Na	RSO ₂ ·SR′	RSO·SR'	
Alkyl thiosulfate	thiosulfonate	thiosulfinate	

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Thiosulfenic esters, RS·SR', are alkyl disulfides and will be treated in a later chapter. Sulfenyl cyanides are thiocyanates in disguise and are so important that a whole chapter will be devoted to them in a later volume. The esters of thioacetic, and of other thio acids, are actually acyl derivatives of the mercaptans but, in conformity with long established usage, they are discussed in the chapter on thioacids. The same can be said for the dithio esters.

Sulfenic Acids and Derivatives

RSOH	RSX	RSNR'R"
Sulfenic acid	Sulfenyl halide	Sulfenamide
RSOR'		(RS) ₂ O
Sulfenic ester	anhydride	

The stability of the inorganic and organic acids of sulfur goes down as there is less and less oxygen.

$O_2S(OH)_2$	OS(OH) ₂	$S(OH)_2$
Sulfuric	Sulfurous	Sulfoxylic
RSO ₂ •OH	RSO•OH	RS•OH
Sulfonic	Sulfinic	Sulfenic

Alkyl and aryl sulfinic acids are unstable, the corresponding sulfenic acids are still less so; only one sulfenic acid is stable and can be isolated. It is α-anthraquinonesulfenic acid. Frequently the salts are stable while the free acids are not. There are only two stable sulfenic salts, the potassium salts of this acid and of its 4-amino substitution product.²⁵⁷ The corresponding α-anthraquinoneselenenic acid is also stable.^{70, 381a} The peculiar stability of these two acids has been attributed to some sort of ring formation involving the near-by carbonyl group.⁴⁵⁵ Hydrogen bonding has been advocated by some ⁴¹⁷ and more extensive rearrangement by others ⁴⁵⁵ to account for the stability of the salts.

The corresponding α -anthraquinoneselenenic acid has been made by treating the selenyl bromide with silver acetate. The o-nitro- and the 2,4-dinitrobenzeneselenenic acids have been prepared. The p-nitro- could be isolated only as the acetate. These develop color on the addition of alkali, which is attributed to salt formation. The salts are unstable.⁷⁰

The acid halides, amides, esters, and anhydrides of the sulfenic acids are relatively stable and fairly well known. While,

with the one exception, the acids themselves cannot be isolated, it is often convenient to assume their transitory existence in explaining reactions.^{173, 261b, 263b, 370, 500} This subject has been ably reviewed.⁴¹⁷

α-Anthraquinonesulfenyl bromide can be converted to the methyl ester by boiling it with methanol. When the ester is saponified and the hydrolyzate acidified, the anthraquinonesulfinic acid is precipitated as bright red crystals:

The free acid does not melt when heated, but gives off water and passes into the anhydride. With hydrogen chloride, or bromide, it goes back to the halide:

$$C_{14}H_7O_2SOH + \blacksquare HCI \rightarrow C_{14}H_7O_2SCI + H_2O$$

The acid dissolves in aqueous alkali. The aqueous solutions of the sodium and potassium salts are blue, but alcoholic solutions are green. If protected from the air, these solutions remain unaltered but are oxidised by air to the sulfinates. The free acid is converted by methyl sulfate to its methyl ester, but with the same reagent its sodium salt goes to the isomeric methyl α -anthraquinone sulfoxide: 260b

This is analogous to the formation of a sulfone from a sodium sulfinate.

The alkaline hydrolysis of an alkyl or aryl thiosulfate is believed to give a sulfenic acid: 190, 317a, 317b

While only the α-anthraquinonesulfenic acid can be isolated, ¹⁹⁰, ^{612a} it is convenient to write equations involving the assumed sulfenic acid to account for the end products which are obtained. Thus disproportionation may take place: ¹⁹⁰, ⁴⁴⁴

2 PhSOH
$$\rightarrow$$
 PhSH $+$ PhSO $_2$ H PhSOH $+$ PhSH \rightarrow PhSSPh $+$ H $_2$ O 5 ArSOH \rightarrow 2 ArSSAr $+$ ArSO $_3$ H $+$ 2 H $_2$ O

The sulfenic acid is an oxidising agent: 317a, 317b

EtSOH +
$$Na_3AsO_3 \rightarrow EtSH + Na_3AsO_4$$

The hydrolysis of a disulfide is also assumed to give a sulfenic acid: 572, 623, 627, 628, 630

RSSR
$$+$$
 2 NaOH \rightarrow RSONa $+$ RSNa $+$ H $_2$ O

This will be discussed more fully in the chapter on disulfides. It has been suggested that a sulfenic acid may result from the disproportionation of a sulfinic: ^{263a}, ^{350a}

$$2 RSO_2 H \rightarrow RSOH + RSO_3 H$$

It may be an intermediate in the reduction of a sulfone chloride to the mercaptan.⁷⁵⁵

There is good evidence that cyteine is oxidised by permonosulfuric acid to the sulfenic acid, HOOCCH (NH₂)CH₂SOH.⁷⁰³

β-Naphthyl disulfide dissolves in an aqueous solution of sodium disulfide:

$$(\mathsf{C}_{10}\mathsf{H}_7\mathsf{S})_2 \quad + \quad \mathsf{Na}_2\mathsf{S}_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathsf{2} \ \mathsf{C}_{10}\mathsf{H}_7\mathsf{SSNa}$$

Acidification gives the thiosulfenic acid, C₁₀H₇SSH.⁷³³ Thiosulfenic acids, RSSH, have been postulated as intermediates.^{193, 318a}

SULFENYL HALIDES, RSX

Formation

The halogen derivatives are called sulfenyl halides to show their relation to the sulfenic acids:

Formally this relation is the same as between acid halides and carboxylic acids:

RCOOH RCOCI

Here, however, the usual relationships are reversed; the sulfenyl chlorides are much better known and easier to prepare than the corresponding sulfenic acids. Typical acid chloride reactions may be reversed:

In the order of importance the sulfenyl halides are: the chlorides, RSCl, the bromides, RSBr, and the iodides, RSI. So far no fluorides, RSF, have been prepared.

In the fluorination of methyl mercaptan, the compound, F₃CSF, is probably formed, but the tendency of sulfur to take on more fluorine is so strong that the only thing that can be isolated is F₃CSF₅, m.-86.9, b.-20.4°.646 Its breakdown potential has been measured.²⁷⁶ The fluorination of carbon disulfide gives a number of products, F₃CSF₅, b.-21°; F₃CSF₃, m.-110°, b.-7°; SCF₂, m.-134°, b.-46°; F₂C(SF₃)₂, m.-51°, b.26°; F₃SCF₂SF₅, m.-70°, b.62°.⁷¹⁶ The chlorination of mercury trifluoromethyl mercaptide, (F₃CS)₂Hg, leads to (F₃CS)₂ and F₃CSCl, b.-0.7°, ³³³ which is analogous to perchloromethyl mercaptan which will be taken up later in this chapter.

When t-butyl mercaptan vapor, diluted with an inert gas, is passed through an alkaline hypochlorite solution, the sulfenyl chloride, t-BuSCl, is formed. This is formed also when chlorine is passed into a hydrocarbon solution of the disulfide at -40° . An ether solution of the iodide, t-BuSI, can be prepared by adding iodine to a suspension of the mercury mercaptide in cold ether:

$$(\textit{t-BuS})_2 \text{Hg} \hspace{0.2cm} + \hspace{0.2cm} 2 \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{I}_2 \hspace{0.2cm} \rightarrow \hspace{0.2cm} 2 \hspace{0.1cm} \textit{t-BuSi} \hspace{0.2cm} + \hspace{0.2cm} \text{HgI}_2$$

The deep orange-red ether solution is stable for some time if kept cold. 590b, 595

In the amperometric titration of a mercaptan with iodine, twice as much iodine is used up by a tertiary mercaptan as by a primary: 437

Cysteine, though not a tertiary mercaptan, reacts in this way. Methanesulfenyl iodide, MeSI, has been assumed to be an intermediate product in the production of methyl sulfide and trimethylsulfonium triiodide from methyl disulfide and methyl iodide.⁶⁷⁶

The sulfenyl chlorides, RSCl, will be considered first. The same methods are used for the bromides, RSBr, and iodides, RSI, if they can be made to work. There are three general and several special methods. The chief ones involve chloroinolysis:

1. RSSR +
$$\text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow \text{RSCI} + \text{CISR}$$

2. RSH + $\text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow \text{RSCI} + \text{HCI}$
3. RSCH $_2$ Ph + $\text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow \text{RSCI} + \text{CICH}_2$ Ph

The limitation of these is the readiness with which the group R is chlorinated. Benzenesulfenyl chloride, PhSCl, can be made by chlorinating diphenyl disulfide. If, however, the benzene ring contains a group, such as the amino or hydroxyl, substitution will take precedence over chlorinolysis. Or, to look at it the other way, if a sulfenyl chloride is formed, the chlorine will migrate into the ring. However, a nitro, or a carbonyl, group, protects the ring against substitution and favors the formation of a stable sulfenyl halide. As a matter of fact, the anthraquinone and the nitro- and dinitro-benzene sulfenyl halides are the ones that are the most easily prepared and are the most stable. Aliphatic radicals also are subject to halogenation, so that conditions which favor it must be avoided.

Since the sulfenyl halides are reactive, they must be prepared in dry, nonpolar solvents, such as chloroform, carbon tetrachloride, or benzene.

Methanesulfenyl chloride is formed when the calculated amount of dry chlorine is passed into methyl disulfide at -20°: 93, 100

$$\text{MeSSMe} \hspace{0.1in} + \hspace{0.1in} \text{Cl}_{2} \hspace{0.1in} \rightarrow \hspace{0.1in} 2 \hspace{0.1in} \text{MeSCI}$$

The ethyl, propyl, i-propyl, and butyl compounds have been made similarly.⁹⁷

Sulfuryl chloride may be the chlorinating agent: 100

MeSSMe +
$$SO_2Cl_2 \rightarrow 2 MeSCl + SO_2$$

Methyl sulfenyl chloride boils at 27–8° under 50–60 mm. pressure. With additional chlorine, 93, 100 or with sulfuryl chloride, 96 at a slightly higher temperature, substitution takes place and the product is ClCH₂SCl, b.123°, d₂₀ 1.526.93, 100 According to another author, chlorination at -15° gives MeSCl₂·SMe which, on warming to room temperature, goes into the sulfenyl chloride:

$$\mathsf{MeSCl}_2\text{-}\mathsf{SMe} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathsf{2}\;\mathsf{MeSCl}$$

The sulfenyl chloride, b₆₀ 20-3°, when kept in sunlight, chlorinates itself to ClCH₂SCl, b₁₂ 25°.⁶²⁶ The chlorination of the sulfenyl chloride has been formulated as going in two steps:

$$RSCI + Cl_0 \rightarrow RSCl_0$$

The trichloride is stable only at low temperatures. The chlorine migrates to the alkyl: 109, 194

$$MeSCl_3 \rightarrow CICH_2SCI + HCI$$

An alkyl sulfur trichloride may act as a chlorinating agent: 109

$$MeSCl_3 + Ph_2S_2 \rightarrow 2 PhSCl + MeSCl$$

Continued chlorination gives Cl₂CHSCl and Cl₃CSCl.¹⁹⁷

The initial product in the chlorination of trithiane is chloromethyl sulfenyl chloride:

$$(CH_2S)_3 + 3CI_2 \rightarrow 3CICH_2SCI$$

The homologs of trithiane react similarly. CICH₂SCl, b_{18} 33°, n 20/D 1.542, d 0/4 1.55, d 20/4 1.52. MeCHClSCl, b_{40} 47–50°, n 20/D 1.5102, d 0/4 1.363, d 20/4 1.347. EtCHClSCl, b_{27} 62–4°, n 20/D 1.501, d 0/4 1.301, d 20/4 1.276. PrCHClSCl, b_{15} 62–5°, n 20/D 1.490, d 20/4 1.202. Me₂CClSCl, b_{26} 40°, n 20/D 1.493, d 0/4 1.273, d 20/4 1.493.

Under different conditions, the chlorination may go further and produce dichloromethanesulfenyl chloride, Cl₂CHSCl. This is a yellowish-red fuming liquid, d₃₄ 1.6143, n 34/D 1.5428. One of the chlorines attached to the carbon, as well as the one on the sulfur, is active.⁷⁴⁸ Other data for ClCH₂SCl are: b₁₀₀ 64°, d 26/4 1.5613, n 26/D 1.5434.¹⁹⁹ Divergencies in data for unstable compounds are to be expected. The fully chlorinated compound, Cl₃CSCl, known as perchlormercaptan, will be discussed in a later section. When trithiane is chlorinated in acetic acid, the sulfonyl chloride, ClCH₂SO₂Cl, is formed.⁹⁶ Ethyl disulfide and sulfuryl chloride give the α-chloroethanesulfenyl chloride, MeCHClSCl.⁹⁴

The chlorination of triselenane gives chloromethylselenenyl chloride: 92

$$(\mathrm{CH_2Se})_3 \quad + \quad 3\ \mathrm{Cl_2} \quad \rightarrow \quad 3\ \mathrm{CICH_2SeCI}$$

2-Cholorethylsulfenyl chloride, ClCH₂CH₂SCl, b₁₅ 47–7.5°, is obtained by passing chlorine into a cold solution of 2-chloroethyl disulfide in carbon tetrachloride: ^{267, 495}

$$(CICH_2CH_2S^{\bullet})_2 + CI_2 \rightarrow 2 CICH_2CH_2SCI$$

This, the key intermediate in the formation of mustard gas from ethylene and sulfur chloride, will be treated in the chapter on substituted sulfides. The 2-chloro-1-methylethylsulfenyl chlo-

ride, ClCH₂CHMeSCl, has been made by chlorinating the corresponding disulfide in dry chloroform.⁶⁸¹

By the use of a mild chlorinating agent, such as N-chlorosuccinimide, ethyl thioglycolate has been converted to the sulfenyl chloride, ClSCH₂CO₂Et.²²³

In the chlorination of trimethylene sulfide the first product is the 3-chlorodisulfide which goes into the sulfenyl chloride: ⁶⁸⁰

The double sulfenyl chlorides, ClS(CH₂)₃SCl and ClS(CH₂)₄SCl, have been made by chlorinating the corresponding cyclic disulfides.⁹⁸

Several reactions take place when a thiolester is chlorinated. Sulfenyl chlorides are among the products. A thionyl sulfur is replaced by chlorine.¹⁹⁸

Treating a malonamide or a methylmalonamide with sulfur dichloride replaces the active hydrogen by –SCl. The products are (RNHCO)₂C(SCl)₂ and (RNHCO)₂CMeSCl.⁵²⁸

Aralkyl compounds are known: 196 PhCHCl·SCl, b_{10} 82°, d 20/4 1.2485, d 0/4 1.2691, n 20/D 1.5507; PhCMeCl·SCl, b_{11} 87–8°, d 0/4 1.2339, d 20/4 1.2173, n 20/D 1.5432.

The aromatic sulfenyl chlorides are even better known than the aliphatic. Phenyl mercaptan can be chlorinated to phenyl-sulfenyl chloride, PhSCl. 457 If chlorine is passed into the carbon tetrachloride solution of the mercaptan in a freezing mixture, the product is phenyl sulfenyl chloride, 456 but if it is cooled only to 0° it is p-chlorophenylsulfenyl chloride. 277 This can be obtained also by chlorinating p-chlorothiophenol. 667 β -Naphthyl mercaptan gives β -naphthylsulfenyl chloride or its chlorination product, according to conditions. 758 p-Acetylaminothiophenol, in which the amino group is protected by acetylation, can be converted to the sulfenyl chloride by this method. 764 Thiosalicylic acid has been chlorinated to the sulfenyl chloride. The carboxyl group hinders substitution. 331 m-Dimercaptobenzene is chlorinated to the dichlorodisulfenyl chloride, $\text{Cl}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2(\text{SCl})_2$. 761

4,4'-Dimercaptodiphenyl gives the corresponding disulfenyl chloride, $ClSC_6H_4C_6H_4SCl.^{754}$, ⁷⁵⁷ 1-Fluorenonethiol can be chlorinated to the sulfenyl chloride. ⁴⁰⁹

The p-benzene sulfenyl-sulfonyl chloride, ClSC₆H₄SO₂Cl, has been made by the reaction of chlorine with the disulfide. 724 The sulfonyl group protects the ring from chlorination. Of all the sulfenvl halides, the nitroaromatic are the easiest to prepare and handle. The nitro group protects the ring from chlorination, both during the preparation and subsequently. o-Nitrobenzene sulfenyl chloride, NO₂C₆H₄SCl, melts at 75°, 365, 480 the corresponding para compound at 52°,762 the o-nitro-p-methyl- at 90°,763 and the 2,4-dinitro- at 96°.410 All of these are conveniently prepared by the action of chlorine on the disulfides. The 2,4-dinitrosulfenylchloride is used as a reagent. The method of preparing it and the corresponding bromide have been fully described 55, 258, 414, 418, 561 and the hazards in making and handling it have been pointed out.407 The m-nitrobenzenesulfenyl chloride is too unstable to be isolated but can be used in synthesis.248, 455 The 2,5-dichlorobenzenesulfenyl chloride,^{277, 517} m.33°,⁵¹⁷ the less stable 2,5-dibromo-,679 and the two stable anthraquinonesulfenyl chlorides, α- m.224° 257 and β- m.136°, 260b have been prepared similarly.

Triphenylmethylsulfenyl chloride, m.137°, has been made by treating the mercaptan with sulfuryl chloride, which is a chlorine donor.⁷²⁰

A benzyl sulfide may be cleaved by chlorine: 754, 757

Treating an aryl diselenide with chlorine ⁷⁰ or with sulfuryl chloride ^{70, 71} gives an aryl selenenyl chloride:

$$Ar_2Se_2 + Cl_2 \rightarrow 2 ArSeCl$$

Under the same treatment, the aryl diselenide-sulfide, (ArSe) $_2$ S, gives the same result. 592d

The addition of bromine to a disfulfide dissolved in chloroform, or carbon tetrachloride, gives a sulfenyl bromide:

RSSR
$$+$$
 Br₂ \rightarrow 2 RSBr

The isolation of the sulfenyl bromide is not always easy and may not be necessary. Thus when ethylene is passed into a carbon tetrachloride solution of methyl mercaptan and bromine at -20°, the product is MeSCH₂CH₂Br. This must have been formed from the sulfenyl bromide: ⁶²⁶

The first attempt to prepare the benzene derivative did not succeed, ^{547a} but subsequently it was obtained in solution. ⁴⁵⁷ The p-acetamino- ¹³⁹ and the 2,5-dibromo- ⁵¹⁷ compounds have been obtained in solution and used in syntheses. The 2-nitro-4-chloro compound, m.111°, ⁷⁵⁶ and the 2-nitro-5-methyl compound, m.84°, ^{249b} are stable and so is the 2-benzoyl-4-nitro-. ²⁵⁹ The α-anthraquinonesulfenyl bromide, m.214°, is the most stable of this class. ²⁵⁷ Its 4-amino derivative has been obtained only as the hydrobromide. ^{260c}

A mercury mercaptide reacts with bromine:

$$(t-BuS)_2Hg + 2Br_2 \rightarrow 2t-BuSBr + HgBr_2$$

The same product is obtained when the sulfenamide is cleaved by hydrogen bromide: ^{593c}

$$\textit{t-}\textit{BuSNMe}_2 \quad + \quad \textit{2 HBr} \quad \rightarrow \quad \textit{t-}\textit{BuSBr} \quad + \quad \textit{Me}_2 \textit{NH} \cdot \textit{HBr}$$

The sulfenyl chloride results with hydrogen chloride.^{593c} Benzenesulfenyl chloride has been made by this method.⁴⁵⁶

α-Anthraquinonesulfenyl bromide can be prepared by the reduction of the sulfinic acid with hydrogen bromide.^{260a} 1-Fluorenonesulfenyl bromide has been made by brominating the thiol.⁴⁰⁹

An aryl selenenyl bromide can be made by treating an aryl selenocyanate, ArSeCN, diselenide, triselenide ⁷¹ or diselenosulfide ^{592d} with bromine. The selenium may take up additional bromine, forming the tribromide. This is in equilibrium with the monobromide:

$$ArSeBr + Br_2 \Longrightarrow ArSeBr_3$$

This shifts to the left as the temperature is raised.⁶⁹ o-Nitrophenyl diselenide-sulfide is cleaved by hydrobromic acid: ^{592d}

$$(o-NO_2C_6H_4)_2Se_2S + 2HBr \rightarrow 2o-NO_2C_6H_4SeBr + H_2S$$

Usually the iodides are unstable, but 2-benzothiazolesulfenyl iodide has been prepared, like the bromide and chloride, by the addition of the halogen to a solution of the disulfide.^{218, 506}

Sulfenyl Thiocyanates, RS-SCN

The fact that thiocyanogen (SCN)₂ resembles a halogen in many of its reactions suggested trying it with a mercaptan. It does react:

EtSH
$$+$$
 (•SCN) $_2$ \rightarrow EtSSCN $+$ HSCN

The product is a sulfenyl thiocyanate.^{369, 460a, 461, 595} If thiocyanogen were more available, this would be a desirable method since it is not as active in substitution as the halogens.

Only a few of these sulfenyl thiocyanates have been prepared: PhSSCN, low melting crystals; 456 , 461 EtSSCN, $b_{1.5}$ 52°; 461 2-O₂NC₆H₄SSCN, m. 94°; 460 , 461 2,4-(O₂N)₂C₆H₄SSCN, m. 84°; 814 6 -C₁₀H₇SSCN, m. 75°. 461 , 470

In physical and chemical properties, the sulfenyl thiocyanates resemble the sulfenyl halides. If thiocyanogen is a pseudohalogen, this is as it should be.

RS*SCN thiocyanate

They react with mercaptans to form disulfides: 460a, 461

$$RS \cdot SCN + HSR' \rightarrow RS \cdot SR' + HSCN$$

The analogous formation of the ester, RSOR', will be considered later. The reaction with a dithiocarbamate is similar:³⁶⁹

Reactions

2,4-Dinitrobenzenesulfene chloride gives a colored ion in 100% sulfuric acid.411

Oxidation and Reduction

A sulfenyl chloride is oxidised by nitric acid, 97, 757, 758, 759, 762 or by chlorine in acetic acid, 1, 409, 711, 757, 760b, 763 to the sulfone chloride:

RSCI
$$+$$
 2 O \rightarrow RSO $_2$ CI RSCI $+$ 2 CI $_2$ $+$ 2 H $_2$ O \rightarrow RSO $_2$ CI $+$ 4 HCI

It is possible that sulfenyl chloride is an intermediate in the well-known oxidation of a mercaptan or a disulfide to the

sulfonyl chloride by chlorine in cold water. At -20° nitric acid oxidises methanesulfenyl chloride to the thiolsulfonate, MeSO₂SMe.⁹⁷ A sulfenyl bromide, in acetic acid, is oxidised by bromine to the sulfonyl bromide.^{760a} The oxidation can be effected by air containing oxides of nitrogen.⁵⁷⁸

Sulfenyl chlorides are reduced readily to the disulfides:

Zinc,⁴⁵⁶ mercury,^{101, 590b, 595} potassium hydrosulfide,¹⁹³ iodide ions,^{82, 672} or sodium thiosulfate ⁷⁰² may be the reducing agents. Lithium aluminum hydride is effective.⁶⁸⁴ Benzene-selenenyl bromide is reduced by zinc to phenyl diselenide.⁷¹

With Hydrogen Sulfide and Mercaptans

With hydrogen sulfide the product may be a trisulfide: 97, 329, 454b

2 MeSCI +
$$H_2S \rightarrow MeSSSMe + 2 HCI$$

2 PhSCI + $H_2S \rightarrow PhSSSPh + 2 HCI$

Disulfides and tetrasulfides are formed along with the trisulfide.⁹⁷ 1,4-Butanedisulfenyl chloride, ClS(CH₂)₄SCl, and dry halogen sulfide give polymeric tetramethylene trisulfide.⁹⁸

An aryl selenenyl chloride, bromide, thiocyanate, or selenocyanate and hydrogen sulfide give the diseleno-sulfide: 592d

$$2 \text{ ArSeBr} + \text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{Ar}_2\text{Se}_2\text{S} + 2 \text{ HBr}$$

A sulfenyl chloride reacts with a mercaptan, or a mercaptide, to give disulfide: 101, 197, 454a, 456, 590b, 595, 696, 720

The sulfenyl chloride may be assumed to be an intermediate in the conversion of a mercaptan to a disulfide by treatment with a halogen. The over-all reaction is written:

$$2 RSH + Cl_2 \rightarrow RSSR + 2 HCl$$

The halogen certainly does not react simultaneously with two molecules of a mercaptan. It is more likely that it adds to the sulfur atom of one:

The sulfonium type complex would lose hydrogen chloride and the sulfenyl chloride would react with the second molecule of mercaptan:

RSCI
$$+$$
 HSR \rightarrow RSSR $+$ HCI

As shown in the equations above, the reaction of a sulfenyl chloride with a mercaptan is a method of preparing unsymmetrical disulfides. Starting with stable sulfenyl chloride, such as that of 2,4-dinitrobenzene, unsymmetrical disulfides, 2,4-(NO₂)₂-C₆H₃SSR, may be prepared. Some of these may serve for the identification of the mercaptans.

The reaction with a selenomercaptan is similar: 592c

$${\tt RSCI} \ + \ {\tt HSeR'} \ \rightarrow \ {\tt RSSeR'} \ + \ {\tt HCI}$$

With Metallic Salts

With a sodium alcoholate or phenolate sulfenic esters are formed:

This will be treated later as a preparation method. A silver salt of a sulfinic acid gives a thiosulfonic ester: 260a, 291, 457, 517, 759

As stated in the section on thiosulfonic esters, this reaction was used to settle the question of their constitution.⁵¹⁷ A sulfenyl chloride and sodium sulfite give the thiosulfate: ⁴⁵⁵

$$\text{o-NO}_2 \text{C}_6 \text{H}_4 \text{SCI} \hspace{0.3cm} + \hspace{0.3cm} \text{Na}_2 \text{SO}_3 \hspace{0.3cm} \rightarrow \hspace{0.3cm} \text{o-NO}_2 \text{C}_6 \text{H}_4 \text{SSO}_3 \text{Na} \hspace{0.3cm} + \hspace{0.3cm} \text{NaCI}$$

With potassium cyanide in acetic acid, a thiocyanate is formed: 97, 101, 756, 758, 759, 762, 763

RSCI
$$+$$
 KCN \rightarrow RSCN $+$ KCI

With metal thiocyanates sulfenyl thiocyanates are produced: 249b. 340b, 418, 456, 460a, 595

RSCI + KSCN
$$\rightarrow$$
 RSSCN + KCI CICH $_2$ SCI + 2 KSCN \rightarrow NCSCH $_2$ SSCN + 2 KCI 101

Selenium compounds, ArSSeCN, ArSeSCN and ArSeSeCN have been prepared similarly.^{71, 249a, 592a, 592b, 596}

Sulfenyl halides react with xanthates, thioxanthates, ^{349d} dithiocarbamates, ^{302, 303} and trithiocarbonates: ³²

A sulfide is produced when a sulfenyl halide reacts with the sodium salt of a nitroparaffin. The RS- is attached directly to the carbon chain. The product from nitroethane is $2,4-(O_2N)_2-C_6H_3SCH(NO_2)Me.^{413}$

As both of the chlorine atoms in chloromethanesulfenyl chloride are active, it reacts with two molecules of a Grignard reagent: 101

The reaction of a selenenyl bromide with a Grignard reagent is similar to that of the sulfenyl halide:

RSeBr + PhMgBr
$$\rightarrow$$
 RSePh 70 + MgBr₂
RSeBr + EtMgBr \rightarrow RSeEt 71 + MgBr₂

Compounds, such as RSeSPO (OMe)₂, RSeS₂O₂Me, RSeSO₂Ph, and RSeS₂O₃K, have been made from a selenenyl bromide with di-O-alkylmonothiophosphates, thiosulfenates, and thiosulfates.^{249a}

Addition to Unsaturates

The formation of mustard gas has been shown to involve the addition of a sulfenyl chloride to ethylene: ²⁶⁷

This will be discussed when mustard gas is considered in the chapter on substituted sulfides. Methane- and ethane-sulfenyl chlorides have been added to styrene, cyclohexene, and cyclooctatetrene.⁹⁷ Chloromethanesulfenyl chloride has been added to unsaturates.¹⁰¹ Two molecules of ethylene combine with 1,4-butanedisulfenyl chloride: ⁹⁸

$$\text{CIS(CH}_2)_4 \text{SCI} \quad + \quad \text{2 CH}_2 : \text{CH}_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{CICH}_2 \text{CH}_2 \text{S(CH}_2)_4 \text{SCH}_2 \text{CH}_2 \text{CI}$$

Benzene-, p-toluene-, 2-nitrobenzene-, 2,4-nitrochloro-, and 2,4-dinitrobenzene-sulfenyl chlorides have been added to unsaturated hydrocarbons ¹⁶³, ⁴¹⁰, ⁴¹², ⁴¹⁵, ⁴¹⁸, ⁴⁵⁷, ⁷¹⁴ and 2,4-nitro-chlorobenzene sulfenyl chloride to ketene: ⁶⁰⁴

$$\begin{array}{lll} {\sf PhSCI} & + & {\sf CH}_2{:}{\sf CH}_2 & \rightarrow & {\sf PhSCH}_2{\sf CH}_2{\sf CI} \\ {\sf NO}_2{\sf CIC}_6{\sf H}_3{\sf SCI} & + & {\sf CH}_2{:}{\sf CO} & \rightarrow & {\sf NO}_2{\sf CIC}_6{\sf H}_3{\sf SCH}_2{\sf COCI} \end{array}$$

Sulfenyl halides have been added to vinyl acetate: 376

$$p-O_2NC_6H_4SCI + H_2C:CHOAc \rightarrow p-O_2NC_6H_4SCH_2CHCIOAc$$

α-Anthraquinonesulfenyl bromide has been added to cyclohexene.^{381b} A kinetic study has been made of the addition of 2,4-dinitrobenzenesulfenyl chloride to styrene.⁵⁴⁴ This sulfenyl chloride has been added to acetylene and to dimethyl- and diethyl-acetylenes:

$$2,4-(O_2N)_2C_6H_3SCI$$
 + HC : CH \rightarrow 2,4- $(O_2N)_2C_6H_3SCH$: CHCI

The product melts at 130.5°. The compounds from the two substituted acetylenes melt at 76° and 66°. 408

Addition to unsaturates is a general reaction of alkanesulfenyl chlorides.⁹⁹ They are even more reactive than the aromatic but, as they have become available only recently, fewer examples of their use are to be found in the literature. Chloromethanesulfenyl chloride has been added to ethylene ¹⁹⁷ and to acetylene.¹⁰²

Miscellaneous

Aromatic sulfenyl chlorides react with acetone, acetophenone, acetoacetic ester, and with other compounds in which there is an active hydrogen: 99, 260b, 754, 756, 759, 762, 763, 764

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ArSCI + CH_3COCH_3 \rightarrow ArSCH_2COCH_3 + HCI

ArSCI + CH_3COPh \rightarrow ArSCH_2COPh + HCI

ArSCI + MeCOCH_3COOEt \rightarrow MeCOCH(SAr)COOEt + HCI
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The corresponding sulfenyl bromides do not react as regularly as the chlorides.⁷⁶³

Less is known about the reactions of the alkanesulfenyl chlorides, since they have become available only recently. Methanesulfenyl chloride and cyclohexanone give 2-methylmercaptocyclohexanone. Ethane sulfenyl chloride and acetoacetic ester give the α,α-diethylmercapto ester, MeCOC(SEt)₂CO₂Et. Only one

alkylmercapto group enters malonic ester.⁹⁷ A cyclic compound is obtained when chloromethanesulfenyl chloride reacts with so-dium acetoacetic ester.¹⁰¹ Macromolecular resins may be formed from chloroalkanesulfenyl chlorides and cyclohexanone.⁹⁵

Substitution of the RS- group in an aromatic takes place where an activating group, such as hydroxyl or amino, is present. Phenol, ortho- and meta-cresols, resorcinol, catechol, thymol and the naphthols react readily with sulfenyl chlorides to give hydroxy sulfides.^{247, 248, 257, 403, 453, 457, 679, 724, 759, 762, 763} The substitution is normally in the para position. Nearly all of these reactions have been carried out with the nitro-substituted benzenesulfenyl chlorides on account of their availability and stability. Recently considerable work has been done with alkanesulfenyl chlorides. Macromolecular resins may be obtained with phenols.⁹⁵ In the absence of an activating group, such as hydroxyl, a catalyst, such as aluminum chloride, has to be used.^{114, 260b, 457, 720} Methyl phenyl sulfide, MeSPh, has been prepared from methanesulfenyl chloride and benzene in the presence of aluminum chloride.⁹⁷

With a primary amine, the first product is probably a sulfenamide which rearranges to the amine sulfide. If the reaction is carried out at low temperatures, the sulfenamide may be isolated, but at higher, the amine sulfide is obtained directly.^{260b, 759, 763}

The ArS- group is substituted for a hydrogen of dimethyl aniline by treating it with a sulfenyl halide: 455

$$\text{m-O}_2 \text{NC}_6 \text{H}_4 \text{SCI} \quad + \quad \text{C}_6 \text{H}_5 \text{NMe}_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{m-O}_2 \text{NC}_6 \text{H}_4 \text{SC}_6 \text{H}_4 \text{NMe}_2 \text{-p} \quad + \quad \text{HCI}$$

The reaction of α-anthraquinoneselenenyl bromide is similar.⁷⁰ Aromatic sulfenyl chlorides react smoothly with diazomethane and its diaryl derivatives: ^{631, 632}

$$Ar_2CN_2 + RSCI \rightarrow RSCAr_2CI + N_2$$

DISULFIDE CHLORIDES, RSSCl AND ArSSCl

Only a few compounds of this class have been prepared. Anthracene and sulfur monochloride give $9-C_{14}H_9SSCl.^{255, 470.5}$ The reaction is rapid with crude anthracene, but slow with the purified. A dye from this has been claimed. In the presence of a mercury-aluminum couple, two such groups are introduced and the product is $9.10-C_{14}H_8(SSCl)_2$. Naphthalene gives $\alpha-C_{10}H_7$ -

SSCl.⁴ The chlorination of 2,2'-dichloroethyl trisulfide gives a mixture of two chlorides: ²⁶⁶

$$CICH_2CH_2SSSCH_2CH_2CI + CI_2 \rightarrow CICH_2CH_2SSCI + CICH_2CH_2SCI$$

o-Nitrothiophenol and sulfur dichloride give the o-nitrophenyl disulfide chloride: 329, 460b

This is a relatively stable compound which can be kept for some time in a desiccator at room temperature.³²⁹

The reactions of disulfide chlorides have been studied using the before-mentioned o-nitrophenyl disulfide chloride, which for simplicity will be written ArSSCl.

Addition to unsaturates takes place: to olefins, cyclohexene, stilbene, 1,1-diphenylethylene and ketene.³²⁹

The ArSS- group can be substituted for an active hydrogen in ketones, acetone, acetophenone or acetoacetic ester or in aromatics, such as phenol, β -naphthol, anthracene or dimethylaniline: ³²⁹

ArSSCI + PhOH
$$\rightarrow$$
 p-ArSSC₈H₄OH + HCI
ArSSCI + β -C₁₀H₇OH \rightarrow α -ArSSC₁₀H₈OH- β + HCI
ArSSCI + C₁₄H₁₀ \rightarrow 9-ArSSC₁₄H₉ + HCI
ArSSCI + PhNMe₂ \rightarrow p-ArSSC₈H₄NMe₂ + HCI

With hydrogen sulfide a pentasulfide is formed: 329

Mercaptans give trisulfides:

ArSSCI +
$$HSC_6H_4OH \rightarrow ArSSSC_6H_4OH + HCI^{329}$$

ArSSCI + $o\text{-HSC}_6H_4NO_2 \rightarrow o\text{-ArSSSC}_6H_4NO_2 + HCI^{460b}$
ArSSCI + $HSCOMe \rightarrow ArSSSCOMe$, m. 102.5° 329

According to conditions, two different products may be obtained from ammonia:

ArSSCI + NH₃
$$\rightarrow$$
 ArSSNH₂, m. 70° dec.
2 ArSSCI + NH₃ \rightarrow (ArSS)₂NH, m. 137.5°

p-Toluidine and morpholene react similarly:

ArSSCI + p-H
$$_2$$
NC $_6$ H $_4$ Me \rightarrow p-ArSSNHC $_6$ H $_4$ Me, m. 123° ArSSCI + HN(CH $_2$ CH $_2$) $_2$ O \rightarrow ArSSN(CH $_2$ CH $_2$) $_2$ O, m. 105°

There is no reaction with phthalimide, but there is with its potassium derivative:

ArSSCI +
$$C_6H_4(CO)_2NK \rightarrow C_6H_4(CO)_2NSSAr$$
, m. 226° 329

With silver p-toluenesulfinate the product is $p\text{-MeC}_6H_4SO_2SSAr$, m.142°.329

With potassium cyanide a part of the sulfur went to form potassium thiocyanate leaving the arylthiocyanate, ArSCN.³²⁹ This transfer of sulfur did not take place with the t-butyl chloride: ^{349b}

This chloride gave a trithiocarbamate, t-BuSSCSNR₂.349c

Similar reactions have been carried out, using anthracenedithiochloride with ammonia and with an amine.²⁵⁵

SULFENAMIDES, RSNH2, RSNHR', RSNR'R"

Formation

These have an amino, or substituted amino group, for the hydroxyl of the sulfenic acid, RSOH. They are by far the largest class in the sulfenic group. They outnumber the sulfenyl halides since several amides can be made from each halide. Finding industrial uses for some of them has stimulated the preparation of others. Several other ways of making them have been devised.

The most direct method is still the reaction of a sulfenyl halide with ammonia or an amine:

This is analogous to the preparation of amides from acid chlorides, but a sulfenyl chloride can go further, to the imide. A substituted urea reacts as an amine.

In preparing a sulfenamide, ammonia, or an amine, is added to the sulfenyl halide dissolved in ether or other nonpolar solvent. The hydrogen halide is taken care of by an excess of the amine. The reactions usually go spontaneously, even at low temperatures. The yields are generally high. Weakly basic amines do not react so well,⁷⁷ but derivatives from them may be obtained at higher temperatures.²⁸⁰

Sulfenamides have been prepared by this method from a number of sulfenyl chlorides, from butane-,⁵⁶⁴ from trimethyl-^{349a, 564, 590b, 593c} and triphenyl-methane-,⁷²⁰ from 4-acetylaminobenzene-,^{493, 504} from 4-amino-1-anthraquinone-,^{260c} from α- and β-anthraquinone-,^{260b} from benzene-,^{457, 493, 506} from 4-chloro-2-nitrobenzene-,^{277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 520b, 756} from p-chlorobenzene-,⁴⁹³ from 2,5-dichlorobenzene-,²⁷⁷ from 4-methyl-2-nitrobenzene-sulfenyl chloride,⁷⁶³ and from others.^{249b, 259, 457, 458, 752} m-Nitrobenzene-sulfenyl chloride reacts with dialkylamines.⁴⁵⁵ o-Nitrobenzene-sulfenyl bromide has been caused to react with esters of several amino acids ²²² and the para chloride with various heterocyclic amines.^{57, 504} A sulfenamide may be made from an amine and a sulfenyl thiocyanate: ^{456, 460a, 751}

PhSSCN
$$+$$
 2 HNEt₂ \rightarrow PhSNEt₂ $+$ HSCN·NHEt₂

p-Toluenesulfenyl chloride may react with either end of phenyl-urea: 444

Chloromethanesulfenyl chloride reacts with two molecules of aniline: 101

$${\rm CICH_2SCI} \ + \ \ 2\ {\rm PhnH_2} \ \rightarrow \ \ {\rm PhnHCH_2SNHPh}$$

Sulfenamides may be made, the other way around, by the reaction of a chloroamine on a mercaptide: 7, 310, 373

RSNa + CINHR'
$$\rightarrow$$
 RSNHR' + NaCI RSNa + CINR'2 \rightarrow RSNR'2 + NaCI

A diazoamide has been made from benzenediazonium chloride and triphenylmethyl mercaptan: 720

$$Ph_3CSH + PhN_2CI \rightarrow Ph_3CSN:\dot{N}Ph + HCI$$

An amine displaces ammonia from a sulfenamide: 364, 712

This is a convenient synthesis for certain compounds.

If an excess of the sulfenyl chloride is used with ammonia or with a primary amine, the result is an imide: 457, 756, 758

2 RSCI
$$+$$
 H₂NR' \rightarrow (RS)₂NR' $+$ 2 HCI

When a sulfenamide is boiled with acetic acid, half of the ammonia, or amine, is split out and an imide is left:

2 RSNHMe
$$\rightarrow$$
 (RS)₂NMe + MeNH₂

Those that have been reported are aromatic and are solids with rather high melting points. Properties of some of these are in Table 1.3.

When a 1% solution of the benzenesulfenimide, (PhS)₂NH, in ether is shaken with lead peroxide and potassium carbonate, the solution takes on a violet color which deepens on dilution. Evaporation of the ether leaves colorless crystals which give a violet solution. The white crystals are supposed to be (PhS)₂N·N(SPh)₂ which dissociates in solution into colored free radicals. The same phenomena are observed with the o-nitro derivative.⁴⁵⁸

An entirely different method of making sulfenamides is the oxidation of a mixture of an amine and a mercaptan:

RSH +
$$HNR'_2$$
 + O \rightarrow $RSNR'_2$ + H_2O

Nothing appears to be known about the mechanism of the reaction, or reactions, but good results are claimed. Various oxidising agents are recommended, hypochlorites, persulfates, ferricyanides, hydrogen peroxide, and halogens. This method has been exploited extensively and many modifications of it have been patented.^{7, 35, 126, 151, 157, 325, 327, 372, 519, 636, 660, 712, 752}

Selenenamides have been prepared. 156

Properties of Sulfenamides

The sulfenamides are by far the most stable and the best-characterized compounds in the sulfene group. Except for some of low molecular weight, they are solids with sharp melting points. The 2-nitro- and 2,4-dinitro-benzene compounds have proved to be useful for the identification of amines. A number of these are in Table 1.3 along with some 2,4-nitrochloro compounds.

Reactions

The sulfenamides do not have the acidic properties of the sulfonamides.⁷⁷ They differ from other classes of amides in their ease of acylation. Their acetyl and benzoyl derivatives are formed readily.^{593c, 720, 759, 763}

(2.4-NO₂ClC₆H₈S)₂NH, m.210° 756

Amine	$2-\mathrm{NO_sC_6H_4S}$	$2,4-(NO_2)_2C_6H_8S$	2,4-NO₂ClC₀H₃S
NH _s	· 125° 77, 759		127° 758
MeNH ₂	36° 77, 759	99.5° 76	_
EtNH.	33° π	66.5° 76	
PrNH ₂	oil ⁷⁷	94.5° 78	
BuNH.	28° π	89° 78	
C ₆ H ₁₁ NH ₂	52° 77	110° 75	_
Me ₂ NH	63° 19, 759	-	_
PhNH _s	89° 77 94° 759	143° 76	102° 520° 100° 281
$o ext{-}MeC_6H_4NH_2$	116° 77 120° 520°	156° 78	127° 520° 123°280
$p ext{-} ext{MeC}_6 ext{H}_4 ext{N} ext{H}_2$	136.5° 77 135° 520°	161.5° 76	137° ²⁸⁰
$p\text{-ClC}_6\mathbf{H}_4\mathbf{NH}_2$	144° ⁷⁷	164.5° 76	172° 280
p-BrC ₆ H ₄ NH ₂	146.5° ^π	181° 76	
p-MeOC ₆ H ₄ NH ₂	138.5° 77	159° 76	
α - $C_{10}H_7NH_3$	131° 77 129° 759	189° 78	180° 280
β -C ₁₀ H ₇ NH ₂	202.5° 77 188° 759	168° 76	176° 280
	Sulfer	nimides	
(PhS) ₂ NH, m.128	0 457	$(2,4-NO_2MeC_6H_8S)_2$	NH, m.241° ⁷⁶⁸
(o-NO ₂ C ₀ H ₄ S) ₂ NI	H, m.217° 789	$(2,4-NO_2MeC_6H_4S)_2$	NMe, m.226° 763

Table 1.3

Melting Points of Some Sulfenamides, RSNR'R"

With Acids

(p-NO₂C₂H₄S)₂NH, m.155° 762

A sulfenamide is cleaved by hydrogen chloride: ^{76, 77, 756, 759, 762, 763}

$$ArSNMe_2 + 2 HCI \rightarrow ArSCI + Me_2NH•HCI$$

In many cases the reaction is practically quantitative and has been used in the preparation of sulfenyl chlorides and bro-mides. 456, 457, 520c, 593c, 594 In some cases the cleavage can be effected by concentrated aqueous hydrochloric acid. In case the sulfenyl halide is unstable under the reaction conditions, the disulfide or other decomposition product will be obtained. 457, 520c, 758

As has been noted, a hot dilute or weak acid causes the formation of an imide, one molecule of the amine being eliminated from two of the amide.

A sulfenamide, sulfur dioxide, and water give a substituted ammonium alkyl thiosulfate: 455

$$\mathsf{RSNR'}_2 \quad + \quad \mathsf{SO}_2 \quad + \quad \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathsf{RSSO}_3\mathsf{NH}_2\mathsf{R'}_2$$

Oxidation and Reduction

There are several examples of oxidation in alkaline solution to sulfonamides. 493, 504

$$RSNR'R''$$
 + 20 \rightarrow $RSO_2NR'R''$

In acid solution, hydrolysis goes along with oxidation and the results are complicated.^{279, 280, 281} The sulfenamide, 2,4-NO₂ClC₆-H₃SNHC₆H₄OH-*p* can be oxidised to the quinoneimine, 2,4-NO₂-ClC₆H₃SN:C₆H₄:O.^{278, 279}

It has not been found possible, even under the mildest conditions, to reduce sulfenamides without cleavage of the S-N linkage. 278, 279

With Aldehydes and Ketones

Sulfenamides, in which there are no substituents on the amide nitrogen, react with aldehydes and ketones after the manner of primary amines: ^{151, 759, 762, 763}

In the case of α -anthraquinonesulfenamide, this condensation takes place with the adjacent quinone carbonyl. ^{260b}

Rearrangement

When a sulfenanilide is heated at 150 to 160° for some hours, rearrangement to an amino sulfide takes place to a small extent: ^{389, 520c}

$$\text{o-NO}_2\mathsf{C}_6\mathsf{H}_4\mathsf{SNHC}_6\mathsf{H}_5 \quad \to \quad \text{o-NO}_2\mathsf{C}_6\mathsf{H}_4\mathsf{SC}_6\mathsf{H}_4\mathsf{NH}_2\text{-p}$$

If the heating is done in the presence of an aromatic amine, the reaction goes much further, giving as much as 70% of the amino sulfide. If the para position is blocked, the amino group goes to the ortho. The amine that is added takes part in the reaction and may replace the one originally in the sulfenanilide. The character of the aromatic amine determines the extent of the displacement. Thus, o-chloroaniline will not displace aniline or o-toluidine, but is displaced by them. The aromatic amines have been arranged in order as to their power to displace other amines.^{387, 520c}

When certain nitro-substituted benzenesulfenanilides are heated in dilute alcoholic sodium hydroxide, the rearrangement

takes an entirely different course and the product is an o-mer-capto-diaryl amine: ^{520b, 738}

$$\text{o-NO}_2\mathsf{C}_6\mathsf{H}_4\mathsf{SNHC}_6\mathsf{H}_5 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{o-NO}_2\mathsf{C}_6\mathsf{H}_4\mathsf{NHC}_6\mathsf{H}_4\mathsf{SH-o}$$

The reaction of sulfur with aniline, or with N-alkylanilines, probably goes in two stages:

2 PhNHR
$$+$$
 S \rightarrow PhNRSNRPh $+$ 2 H PhNRSNRPh \rightarrow RNHC $_{6}$ H $_{4}$ SC $_{6}$ H $_{4}$ NHR

The intermediate, in which the sulfur is bound to the nitrogen, cannot be isolated, but it is known that only those amines which have a labile hydrogen on the nitrogen react in this way.^{520a}

SULFENIC ESTERS, RS-OR'

Formation

These are isomeric with the sulfoxides, RSO·R', but differ from them in properties as well as in the reactions that are used for their preparations. The sulfenic esters belong to the lowest state of oxidation of the sulfur.

RS•OR'	RSO•OR'	RSO ₂ •OR′
Sulfenic esters	Sulfinic esters	Sulfonic esters

Corresponding to the sulfonic esters, RSO₂·OR', we have thiosulfonic, RSO₂·SR'. Thiosulfenic esters would be the disulfides.

The disulfides are, of course, well known but are not thought of as related to the sulfenic esters. Actually both can be made by similar reactions:

RSCI + NaOR'
$$\rightarrow$$
 RS·OR' + NaCI
RSCI + NaSR' \rightarrow RS·SR' + NaCI

For sulfenic esters, this is the only general method.

A sulfenic ester can be made by the esterification of a sulfenic acid:

RSOH
$$+$$
 HOR' \rightarrow RSOR' $+$ H₀O

This applies to α -anthraquinonesulfenic acid which is the only sulfenic acid that has been isolated.^{257, 260b} Other sulfenic esters have to be made from the sulfenyl halides: ⁴⁰⁹

Both chlorine atoms in chloromethanesulfenyl chloride are replaced: 101

CICH
$$_2$$
SCI + 2 EtON $_2$ \rightarrow EtOCH $_2$ SOEt + 2 N $_2$ CICH $_2$ SCI + 2 PhON $_3$ \rightarrow PhOCH $_2$ SOPh + 2 N $_3$ CI

Ethylene and tetramethylene oxides are opened up by sulfenyl chlorides:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{MeSCI} & + & (\text{•CH}_2)_2\text{O} & \rightarrow & \text{MeSOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CI}^{\,97} \\ \text{MeCHCISCI} & + & (\text{•CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O} & \rightarrow & \text{MeCHCISO(CH}_2)_4\text{CI}^{\,94} \\ \end{array}$$

A sulfenyl thiocyanate may be used: 510b

The sulfenyl selenocyanate reacts with an alcohol rather than with the alcoholate: ^{592a}

RSSeCN
$$+$$
 MeOH \rightarrow RSOMe $+$ Se $+$ HCN

2,4-Dinitrobenzeneselenenyl bromide, 2,4- $(NO_2)_2C_6H_3SeBr$, reacts well with an alcohol in the presence of silver acetate, but not with a sodium alcoholate.¹⁵⁶ The same is true of the unnitrated α -anthraquinoneselenenyl bromide.^{381a}

Properties

The melting points of a number of these esters are in Table 2.3.

Reactions

These esters are fairly stable to heat but are readily hydrolyzed, even by moist air.^{453, 758, 759} Comparing the formulae, ArSOR and ArSO·OR, suggests that sulfenic esters might be oxidised to sulfinic. Oxidation of alkyl 2-nitrobenzenesulfenates led to the free sulfinic acids rather than to their esters,⁴⁵³ but oxidation of ethyl ethanesulfenate, EtSO·Et, gave the sulfinic ester, EtSO·OEt.^{510b}

Concentrated hydrochloric acid splits a sulfenic ester: 756, 758, 759, 762, 763

$$RSOR' + HCI \rightarrow RSCI + HOR'$$

Alkaline hydrolysis of a sulfenic ester might be expected to give a sulfenic salt:

$$RSOR'$$
 + NaOH \rightarrow $RSONa$ + HOR'

Table 2.3

Some Alkyl and Aryl Sulfenic Esters

EtSOEt, b₅₀ 38.2-8.5° $2,4-(O_2N)_2C_6H_3SOR$ Me, m.125°,561 123° 416 b₇₂₄ 107.8-8.5° 510b Et, m.125° 416, 561 t-BuSOEt, b_{8.9} 64°, 590b, 595 b₉₀ 65° 58 PhSOMe, b₄ 88–9° 457 Pr, m.76° 416 *i*-Pr, m.78° 416 Ph₃CSOMe, m.124° ⁷²⁰ Bu, m.54° 416 PhOCH₂SOR s-Bu, m.72° 416 Ph, m.168° 101 t-Bu, m.119° 416 o-O₂NC₆H₄SOR Am, m.32° 416 Me, m.54° 759 i-Am, m.57° 416 Et, m.26° 759 t-Am, m.103° 416 Ph, m.72° 759 $C_6H_3Me_2$ -2,4, m.85° 453 Octyl, m.58° 416 $C_6H_3Me_2-3,5$, m.74° 453 Lauryl, m.74° 416 Cyclohex., m.134° 416 $C_6H_2Me_3-2,4,5, m.103^{\circ} 453$ $C_6H_2Me_2Cl-3,5,4, m.120^{\circ} 453$ PhCH₂, m.143° 416 $C_6H_2Me_2Cl-2,5,4, m.120^{\circ}$ *l*-Methyl, m.100° 416 $C_6HMe_2Cl_2-3,5,2,4, m.127^{\circ} 453$ α -C₁₀H₇SOR Me, $m.189^{\circ 257}$ p-O₂NC₆H₄SOR Et, m.149° 257, 260b Me, $m.49^{\circ}$ 762 α -C₁₄H₇O₂SeOR $2,4-O_2NMeC_6H_3SOR$ Me, m.71° 768 Me, m.178° 381a Et, m.146° 381a $2,4-O_2NClC_6H_3SOR$ i-Pr, m.143.5° 881a Me, m.112° 756 Et, m.74° 756 Bu, m.84° 381a Ph, m.75° 756

The products that can be isolated are disulfides and "disulfoxides" which may be supposed to come from sulfenic acids.⁷⁵⁸

The reaction with a Grignard reagent gives a sulfide: ²⁹²

PhSOMe + PhMgBr → PhSPh + MeOMgBr

The rearrangement of sulfenic esters resembles that of the sulfenamides. The product is a hydroxy sulfide. A phenol with which the ester is heated may replace the one originally present. 453, 454b

SULFENIC ANHYDRIDES, RS-O-SR

Sulfenic anhydrides are frequently formed in the hydrolysis of sulfenyl chlorides. They may be supposed to be formed from the sulfenic acid and the unhydrolyzed chloride: 756, 758, 759, 762, 763

ArSC!
$$+$$
 HOH \rightarrow ArSOH $+$ HCI
ArSOH $+$ CISAr \rightarrow ArSOSAr $+$ HCI

Thus, when 2-nitrobenzenesulfenyl chloride is shaken 5 hours with 20 parts of water at room temperature, it is converted into the anhydride. The anhydride is converted by concentrated hydrochloric acid back to the sulfenyl chloride almost quantitatively. This is effected also by phosphorus pentachloride.

The aryl sulfenic anhydrides are solids which melt, or decompose, at relatively high temperatures.

Alkaline hydrolysis might be expected to give a sulfenic salt:

ArS-O-SAr + 2 NaOH
$$\rightarrow$$
 2 ArSONa + H_2 O

Actually the products are a sulfinate and a disulfide.

Perchlormethylmercaptan, Cl₃CSCl

Formation

It is probable that this compound was present in the mixture of products which Kolbe obtained in 1843 when he added some carbon disulfide to a roomy flask filled with chlorine and let it stand for some days. Better results were obtained by using a chlorine-generating mixture of manganese dioxide and hydrochloric acid. This experiment was repeated by Rathke who found it more practical to pass chlorine into carbon disulfide containing a small amount of iodine. This is essentially the method that has been used ever since. The yields have been raised from around 15% to 60–5% by attention to details. Asa, 237, 251, 388a, 390, 404, 618, 621

The reaction has been written:

The optimum amount of chlorine is said to be 2.7 Cl₂ to 1 CS₂.²¹³.

216 It is probable that the reaction goes in two stages: ^{430c}

The desired product can be chlorinated further:

$$Cl_3CSCI + Cl_2 \rightarrow CCl_4 + SCl_2$$

This is favored by the presence of iron.^{178, 341} In fact, this is the accepted method of manufacturing carbon tetrachloride.

Chlorine is passed into carbon disulfide until its volume is doubled,³⁴¹ or until its weight is 3.5 times the original.^{213, 216} Iodine is always used as a catalyst; 0.1% is sufficient. Four things are to be avoided: too much light, too high a temperature, overchlorination, and the presence of iron. None of the desired product can be isolated if the chlorination is carried on at a high temperature or in sunlight. The temperature should be 25°,^{213, 216} or not above 30°.⁶²¹ There seems to be no information as to just how much light can be tolerated.

There are many variations in the methods of working up the mixture. Sulfur dichloride may be distilled off. Water, hot or cold, is added to decompose the chlorides of sulfur. The liquid remaining is steam-distilled, once or twice, to get rid of sulfur and other nonvolatile materials. The product is dried and fractionated at reduced pressure. The addition of sulfur trioxide to the reaction mixture is said to raise the yield to 82%. 395 A continuous process has been described. Other improvements have been suggested. 141, 566

Some perchlormercaptan is formed in the chlorination of methyl thiocyanate. By the same treatment, ethyl thiocyanate gives the homolog, CH₃CCl₂SCl.³⁷⁸ This type of compound has been mentioned under chlorination of dithio esters.

Carbon selenosulfide, suspended in water through which chlorine is bubbled, gives perchlormercaptan. If bromine is substituted for the chlorine, the product is the analog, Br₃CSBr, d. 20/4 3.0240.¹⁰³ Chlorination of carbon diselenide in carbon tetrachloride gives the analogous perchlorselenomercaptan.^{375.5}

Properties

Perchlormethyl mercaptan boils at $147.5-8^{\circ},^{43a}$ or at 73° at 50 mm. $^{341},^{395}$ It has d 15/4 $1.698,^{43a}$ d 20/4 1.6996, d 25/4 $1.6923.^{103}$ Other values are: d 11/4 1.71785; n 11/D 1.54835; 127 and b₂₅ 51° ; d 0/4 1.7278, d 20/4 1.6947; n 20/D $1.5395.^{197}$ The surface tension at 20° is 35.02 dynes/cm. from which the mole-

cular parachor is 266.1.¹⁰³ In benzene, the dipole moment is 0.65 and the molar polarization, calculated for infinite dilution, is 43.2. In carbon tetrachloride, these values are 0.56 and 40.8.⁶⁰⁵ The Raman spectrum is similar to those of carbon tetrachloride and of sulfur monochloride which agrees with the structure Cl₃CSCl.²⁰⁹

It is lachrymatory and toxic, but as its odor is stifling, it is more disagreeable than dangerous.³⁴¹ Mice and cats died in 1 or 2 days after inhaling air containing 0.35 mg./liter of it.²⁴³

Reactions

Perchlormethylmercaptan is a sulfenyl chloride. In its chemical properties it resembles other sulfenyl chlorides, but is far less reactive. It can be added to unsaturates.⁵² In contrast to other sulfene chlorides, this addition is sluggish and little is known as to how it takes place. Perchlormercaptan is relatively stable with water, as evidenced by the fact that it can be steam-distilled. With water at 160° or in dilute acid solution, it is decomposed:^{318c}

$$Cl_3CSCI + 2H_2O \rightarrow CO_2 + S + 4HCI$$

The simple hydrolysis has been written: 82

$$Cl_3CSCI + H_2O \rightarrow Cl_3CSH + HOCI$$

It seems more probable that it is:

$$CI_3CSCI + H_2O \rightarrow CI_3CSOH + HCI$$

Oxidation by nitric acid gives the sulfone chloride: 585d, 621

$$Cl_3CSCI + 2O \rightarrow Cl_3CSO_2CI$$

This chloride is obtained directly when moist carbon disulfide is chlorinated.^{436b} The oxidation can be effected in boiling acetic acid. The sulfone chloride melts at 140.5° 621 and boils at 170°.^{436b} It is formed when perchlormercaptan or trithiane is oxidised by chlorine in cold water.¹⁹⁹ It can be reduced to the sulfinic acid, Cl₃CSO₂H.⁴⁷⁶

The sulfone chloride is remarkably stable and unreactive. It can be recrystallized from hot water or alcohol and does not react with ammonia or amines under ordinary conditions.³²⁶ Boiling water decomposes it into carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and hydrochloric acid.⁶³ With water at 160°, the products are

carbon dioxide, hydrochloric acid, and sulfur.^{585b} It is hydrolyzed by potassium hydroxide and is reduced by hydrogen sulfide ^{436b} or by potassium sulfite ^{585a} to the dichloro-acid, Cl₂CHSO₃H.

Perchlormercaptan reacts with sulfur: 430c, 585b, 618

This is effected by heating the two together at 150 to 160°. Fractionation of the product gives disulfide and trisulfide. The disulfide boils at 130° at 10 mm. and the trisulfide melts at 57°, 618 57.4°, b. 220°. 585b The trisulfide 585b and the tetrasulfide 178 have been isolated from the residue from the distillation of the crude perchlormercaptan. This residue is probably a mixture of polysulfides in equilibrium with each other and with sulfur.

The reaction with potassium sulfite is involved. The product is the salt of mercaptomethanetrisulfonic acid, HSC(SO₃K)₃.⁵, ^{43a}, ^{43b}, ^{153a}, ^{585b} Perchlormercaptan reacts regularly with potassium cyanide to form the thiocyanate, Cl₃CSCN, m. 2.5°; ⁵⁴¹ b₁₆ 55°, b₅₀ 79°; ¹⁰⁰ d₂₀ 1.585; ¹⁰⁰, ⁵⁴¹ n 20/D 1.5222.⁵⁴¹ With a Grignard reagent, a trichloromethyl sulfide is formed: ⁶¹⁸

The product of its reaction with a sodium sulfinate is a thiol-sulfonate: 50c, 110, 471

$${\tt PhSO_2Na} \ \ + \ \ {\tt CISCCI_3} \ \ \rightarrow \ \ {\tt PhSO_2SCCI_3} \ \ + \ \ {\tt NaCI}$$

The product has the following physical constants: b_2 148–50°; n 25/D 1.601; d_{25} 1.583. The *p*-tolyl compound melts at 65° and the 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, at 86.5°. With a mercaptan, there is the usual formation of a disulfide: 50a

$$RSH + CISCCI_3 \rightarrow RS \cdot SCCI_3 + HC$$

With a sodium mercaptide the chlorine atoms are replaced by -SR, or -SAr, and the mixed disulfide is replaced by a mixture of the two symmetrical sulfides. A trisulfide may be formed.^{50b}

(EtS)₃CS·SC (SEt)₃, n.25/D 1.594 (PrS)₃CS·SC (SPr)₃, n.25/D 1.552 (t-BuS)₃CS·SC (SBu-t)₃, m.60° (t-BuS)₃CS₃C (SBu-t)₃, m.89° (PhS)₃CS₃C (SPh)₃, m.99° A sodium alcoholate strips off the sulfur as well as the chlorine. The product is an orthocarbonic ester: 651, 701

$$Cl_3CSCI + MeONa \rightarrow C(OMe)_4$$

Reduction

With iron, either sulfur or chlorine is removed:

Zinc removes the sulfur: 585b

$$Cl_3CSCI + Zn \rightarrow CCI_4 + ZnS$$

Silver takes half of the chlorine: 585b

$$Cl_3CSCI + 2Ag \rightarrow Cl_2CS + 2AgCI$$

The reduction by tin or by stannous chloride is the most important: 38, 153b, 213, 216, 237, 388a, 390, 404

This is the accepted preparation method for thiophosgene. Many, if not most, of those who have made perchlormercaptan have had this use in mind.

Perchlormercaptan is reduced by sodium arsenite to sodium sulfide.^{318c} Zinc may reduce it all the way to methane.³⁴¹ Its reaction with thiosulfate, in the presence of potassium iodide, is much like that of sulfur monochloride.⁵⁶²

Prolonged irradiation of perchlormercaptan gives carbon tetrachloride, thiophosgene, and sulfur chloride.²³⁸

With Amines

Perchlormercaptan reacts with primary 153c and secondary 30 amines:

The derivatives of the dialkyl amines are much more stable than those from the primary: Cl₃CSNMe₂, b₁₅ 74°; Cl₃CSNEt₂, b₁₅ 96°; *i*-Bu₂NSCCl₃, b₁₅ 127°. The reaction is reversed when

hydrogen chloride is passed into a solution of the compound in a hydrocarbon: ³⁰

$$\text{Cl}_3\text{CSNR}_2$$
 + 2 HCI \rightarrow Cl_3CSCI + $\text{HNR}_2 \cdot \text{HCI}$

The reaction with aromatic amines is similar: 388b, 585b, 585c

$$Cl_3CSCI + H_2NAr \rightarrow Cl_3CSNHAr + HCI$$

Alcoholic potash abstracts hydrochloric acid to give a cyclic compound: 388b, 585c

$$Cl_3CSNHAr$$
 — HCl \rightarrow Cl_2C —NAr

According to later investigators, the primary product from p-toluidine is MeC₆H₄NHCCl₂SCl. Two molecules of this condense, with the loss of hydrogen chloride, to 2,2,5,5-tetrachloro-1,4-di-p-tolyl-1,2,4,5,-tetrahydro-3,6-dithiapyrazine, m. 142.5° dec.:

In ether solution, this is split by hydrogen chloride to give trichloromethyl mercaptan, Cl₃CSH, b₁₅ 125°. This is oxidised by air to the disulfide, Cl₃CS·SCCl₃, m.96°.^{153a} Dyes are formed by the reaction of perchlormercaptan with tertiary aromatic amines.^{30, 231a}

Perchlormercaptan reacts with an imide or the sodium salt of an imide, putting the -SCCl₃ group for the imide-hydrogen.^{426,}674c

Applications

Perchlormercaptan has been suggested as an addition to Diesel fuels.^{537, 641} Its reaction product with phthalimide is being manufactured on a considerable scale as a pesticide.^{426, 674c}

Esters of Thionitrous and Thionitric Acids

RSNO RSNO,

The unstable phenyl thionitrite, PhSNO, is obtained by the reaction of nitrosyl chloride on phenyl mercaptan.⁶⁹⁵ This reaction takes place with aryl and alkyl mercaptans.^{590a, 591} Three

different reactions occur between a mercaptan and nitrosyl chloride:

(1) 2 RSH
$$+$$
 2 NOCl \rightarrow R₂S₂ $+$ 2 NO $+$ 2 HCl

(2) 4 RSH + NOCI
$$\rightarrow$$
 2 R₂S₂ + NH₂OH·HCI

(3) RSH + NOCI
$$\rightarrow$$
 RSNO + HCI

Reactions (1) and (2) are favored, but at -50° , ethyl mercaptan, diluted with a solvent, reacts according to (3) to the extent of about 80% and according to (1), only 10%. It is difficult to separate from the solvent. It is simpler to obtain the ester by the reaction of a mercaptan with ethyl nitrite:

This goes smoothly at -20°. It is remarkable that the mercaptan displaces the alcohol and that the reaction is not reversible as should be expected. Triphenylmethyl thionitrite, Ph₃CSNO, is obtained quantitatively from Ph₃CSH and EtONO. In this, a tertiary mercaptan replaces a primary alcohol.⁴⁵⁹

Ethyl thionitrite, b_{95} 19-20°, decomposes slowly at low temperatures, 2% in $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 13° , and rapidly at higher temperatures. It is extremely sensitive to atmospheric oxygen:

2 EtSNO
$$+$$
 O₂ \rightarrow Et₂S₂ $+$ N₂O₄

Some ethanesulfonic acid, EtSO₃H, is formed. In the absence of air, ethyl thionitrite decomposes slowly:

2 EtSNO
$$\rightarrow$$
 Et₂S₂ + 2 NO

The striking thing about these thionitrites is their intense color. One drop of ethyl or amyl mercaptan added to 55 cc. of ether containing ethyl nitrite gives a distinct color.⁴⁵⁹

Thionitrites from primary and secondary mercaptans are unstable. However, nitrosyl chloride reacts smoothly with tertiary butyl mercaptan to give a stable thionitrite, t-BuSNO, m. -54°; 594 b₅₅ 38-9°, b₇₂ 46-7°. 591, 594 This is a red-green liquid. The tertiary amyl compound, t-AmSNO, b₄₄ 38°, is similar. The mercury mercaptide, (t-BuS)₂Hg, reacts satisfactorily with nitrosyl chloride at a low temperature. How is substituted for the nitrosyl chloride. The tertiary butyl is formed when the mercaptan is treated with nitrous acid at 0° or below: 666b

$$t ext{-BuSH}$$
 + HONO \rightarrow $t ext{-BuSNO}$ + H_2O

It decomposes in the same way as the ethyl, but only on heating: ^{593a}

$$2 t$$
-BuSNO \rightarrow t -Bu $_2$ S $_2$ + 2 NO

Triphenylmethyl thionitrite, Ph₃CSNO, is stable and can be kept for years, though heated at 100° in a vacuum, it gives off nitric oxide.⁵⁹¹

Warmed with nitric acid, in acetic acid solution, tertiary butyl thionitrite is oxidised to the thionitrate, t-BuSNO₂, m. -12°; b₁₃ 54-4.5°. This is a colorless lachrymatory liquid with an exceedingly penetrating odor.^{593b} The thionitrate can be made directly by passing nitrogen tetroxide into an ether solution of tertiary butyl mercaptan.²⁸³

Mercaptoacetanilide, though a primary mercaptan, gives a stable thionitrite, ONSCH₂CONHPh, m. 160°.⁵⁹⁷

Thio- and dithio-acids react with nitrous acid:

RCOSH + HONO
$$\rightarrow$$
 RCOSNO + $\rm H_2O$
RCSSH + HONO \rightarrow RCSSNO + $\rm H_2O$

Alkyl thionitrites are useful as additions to Diesel fuels.^{284, 285, 536, 674a} Various compounds are claimed as stabilizers for thionitrites in Diesel fuels.¹⁶⁴

Trithiophosphites, (RS)₃P

When phosphorous trichloride and a mercaptan are mixed, without a solvent, the halogen atoms are replaced progressively by -SR: ^{430a, 430b}

$$\mathsf{PCI}_3 \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathsf{RSPCI}_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad (\mathsf{RS})_2 \mathsf{PCI} \quad \rightarrow \quad (\mathsf{RS})_3 \mathsf{P}$$

The dichloride, EtSPCl₂, boils at 172-5° and has the density 1.30 at 12°.^{511c} If it is desired to obtain the end product, (RS)₃P, exclusively, pyridine, or better dimethylaniline, is added to the mixture. The intermediate products are useful for making mixed esters: ^{23a}

Heating an alkyl disulfide and yellow phosphorus together at 200° gives the trithiophosphite: 678

$$3 R_2 S_2 + 2 P \rightarrow 2 (RS)_3 P$$

The trialkyl trithiophosphites are colorless oils, insoluble in water but very soluble in the usual organic solvents. They have powerful odors and are readily oxidised by air. All are decomposed by water, alkali, or strong acids.

They are oxidised by 3% hydrogen peroxide to the corresponding trithiophosphates, while stronger oxidising agents break them down into phosphoric acid and sulfonic acids:

Alkyl phosphites are sulfurized by treatment with phosphorus pentasulfide.⁵³⁸

The trialkyl trithiophosphites combine with alkyl halides. With mercuric bromide or iodide or with auric chloride, they give crystalline complexes, many of which have definite melting points.^{23a, 470}

The properties of some straight ⁴⁷⁰ and mixed ^{23a} thiophosphites are in Table 3.3. More complicated esters are made from ethane-dithiol.²⁵

Table 3.3
Some Trialkyl Thiophosphites

Formula	M .p. °C.	B.p. °C.	Pressur mm.	e d⁰/₄	$d^{25}/_4$	n ²⁵ / _D
(EtS) ₈ P	-31	140–3	18	1.1883	1.1585	1.5689
(PrS) ₃ P	-64	164-9	15	1.1277	1.0932	1.5350
(BuS) ₈ P	-100	174-80	15	1.0773	1.0421	1.5305
(EtO),PSEt		75–6	10		$d^{20}/41.0211$	$n^{20}/_{D} 1.4592$
(EtS),POEt		108-11	10		1.0679	$n^{15}/_{D} 1.5326$
(PrO).PSEt	_	120-4	12	_	d ¹⁵ / ₄ 1.0560	$n^{17}/_{D} 1.5241$
(EtS),POPr		128	15	_	1.0487	$n^{20}/_{\rm D} 1.5278$
(3-C ₄ H ₃ S·S) ₃ P	_	71.5-73 106,	107 —			_

Triamyl and other trialkyl trithiophosphites are claimed as additions to Diesel fuels.¹⁴⁸ The triamyl ⁵¹⁶ and "tripinene" ⁵⁵⁸ are said to be antioxidants. Straight- or branched-chain trialkyl trithiophosphites are said to improve lubricating oils.²¹² Aryl trithiophosphites, in which the radicals may be the same or different,

are recommended as corrosion inhibitors in lubricating oils,^{228,} ^{616b, 644b} or as preventatives of excessive wear.^{201, 228, 559, 616a} The triamyl trithiophosphite is claimed for the same purpose.²²⁹

A product which may be used in oils or as a plasticizer for resins is said to be made by causing a phosphonitrilic chloride to react with a mercaptide.^{469b}

Diethyl thiophosphite, (EtO)₂PSH, does not belong here, as the sulfur is not directly linked to carbon, but it may be mentioned. With chlorine it gives the chloride, (EtO)₂PSCl. With ethyl iodide the diethylphosphonic ester, EtPS(OEt)₂, is formed.^{393c} Polyvalent metal salts of (EtO)₂PSH are claimed as corrosion inhibitors.⁵³⁰

Thiorarsenious Esters, (RS)₃As

These are by no means well known. They can be prepared by the methods that are used for the trithiophosphites. Arsenic trichloride and a mercaptan are refluxed in benzene solution,⁴³¹ or a sodium mercaptide is added to an alcoholic solution of the trichloride.^{430a, 430b, 432} The triphenyl compound, (PhS)₃As, melts at 95° and the tritolyl at 76°.⁴³² From thiosalicyclic acid, the acid, As(SC₆H₄CO₂H)₃, m. 210°, has been prepared.⁴³¹ From 2-hydroxytrimethylene-diarsenoxide and monothioglycerol, the compound, (HOCH₂CH (OH) CH₂S)₂AsCH₂CH (OH) CH₂As-(SCH₂CH (OH) CH₂OH)₂, has been obtained.²²⁷

Alkylarsenious mercaptides, RAs(SR)₂, are recommended as seed immunizers.^{371a}

Trithioantimonites, (RS)₃Sb

Our knowledge of these is very meager. They can be prepared from antimony trichloride and mercaptans. The triethyl compound, (EtS)₃Sb, boils at 167 to 170° at 4 mm. and has d 0/4 1.6224 and d 25/4 1.5873.⁴⁷⁰ A number of compounds of this type have been prepared as oil-soluble therapeutic agents.^{431, 432} The product from ethylene mercaptan is the intermediate chloride, (•CH₂S)₂SbCl, m. 124°.¹⁴² The triphenyl derivative melts at 71° and the tri-p-tolyl at 95°. These are made by heating the sodium mercaptide with antimony trichloride in a bomb.⁴³² The thioacetanilide derivative, Sb(SC₆H₄NHAc)₃, melts at 165 to 168°.

From thiosalicylic acid, two compounds, Cl₂SbSC₆H₄CO₂H, m. 120°, and ClSb(SC₆H₄CO₂H)₂, m. 86°, have been prepared.⁴³¹

Bismuth Compounds

The bismuth compound, Bi(SEt)₃, is a yellow powder, melting at 200°. It can be considered to be a mercaptide rather than an ester ^{430b}, ⁴⁷⁰ and is treated in Chapter 2.

Thioboric Esters

The fact that mercaptans are not esterified by boric acid, while alcohols are, is the basis for a method of separation. 640 β -Chlorovinylboron esters have been made by transesterification and from the chloride: 452

They can be made from boron tribromide and mercaptans.³⁰⁶ Tributyl trithioborate is claimed as a corrosion inhibitor in lubricating oils.^{644a}

Thiophosphoric Esters

FORMATION

Formulae can be written for a variety of thiophosphoric acids:

$OP(OH)_3$	$OP(OH)_2SH$	$OP(OH)(SH)_2$	$OP(SH)_3$
SP(OH) ₃	SP(OH) ₂ SH	SP(OH)(SH) ₂	SP(SH)3

Besides these, there are thiopyrophosphoric and thiometaphosphoric acids. Esters of all of these are known. Esters having two or three different alkyls and ester-chlorides can be prepared. Many of these have been made, but only a fraction of the possibilities has been realized. There has been intense activity in this field as many of these compounds have found commercial applications. On account of the number and variety of the compounds, it is impossible here to give more than a few examples of the great many that have been prepared. Strictly speaking, the esters $SP(OR)_3$ do not belong here since they are not mercaptan derivatives, but they are included for comparison and because they can be isomerized into mercapto-esters.

Phosphorus trichloride takes up oxygen, sulfur or selenium:

Sulfur can be added to an ester-chloride:

Various derivatives of dithiophosphoric acid can be chlorinated:

Fluorination of EtOPSCl₂ gives a mixture of EtOPSClF and EtOPSF₂.⁸⁴

Phosphorus pentachloride reacts with hydrogen sulfide ⁵⁶⁷ and with thiophosphate esters: ^{123a}, ^{123b}, ⁴⁴⁰

In making an arylthiophosphate, phenol, or a cresol, phosphorus pentachloride and hydrogen sulfide may be put in together.⁶⁴⁵

In the absence of a base, or in the presence of a limited amount of a base, alcohols, phenols, and mercaptans react incompletely with phosphorus oxychloride or sulfochloride:

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OPCI<sub>3</sub>
                     ROH
                                        OP(OR)Cl<sub>2</sub> + HCl <sup>146</sup>
OPCI<sub>3</sub>
                                       {\rm OP(SR)Cl}_2 \quad + \quad {\rm HCI}^{~877,~736}
             +
                     RSH
                                     SP(OR)Cl<sub>2</sub> 39a, 84, 123a, 123b, 146, 565a, 565b, 565c, 567
                              \rightarrow
SPCI<sub>3</sub>
                    ROH
                                      SP(SR)Cl<sub>2</sub> 123a, 123b, 565b
SPCIa
                    RSH
                   2 ROH \rightarrow OP(OR)<sub>2</sub>Cl <sup>146</sup>, <sup>405</sup>
OPCI<sub>2</sub> +
                                 \rightarrow SP(OR)<sub>2</sub>C| 146, 271, 661
SPCI<sub>3</sub>
           + 2 ROH
SPCI<sub>3</sub>
                   2 ROH
                               + 2 C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N \rightarrow
                                                                   (RO)<sub>2</sub>PSCI <sup>502</sup>
         +
                                                                   (RS)_2POCI 502
OPCI<sub>3</sub> +
                  2 RSH
                               +
                                         2 C_5 H_5 N \rightarrow
                                         2 C_5 H_5 N \rightarrow
                                                                  (RS)_2PSCI ^{502}
                    2 RSH +
           +
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These reactions go to completion in the presence of excess base. By starting with the ester-chlorides all manner of mixed esters can be prepared:

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OP(SR)<sub>3</sub> 106, 502, 637
OPCI<sub>3</sub>
                     3 NaSR
OPFCI<sub>2</sub>
                                             OPF(SR)<sub>2</sub> 137, 483, 484
                      2 NaSR
OP(OR)Cl<sub>2</sub>
                                                  OP(OR)(SR),
                           2 NaSR
                                               \mathsf{OP}(\mathsf{OR})_2\mathsf{SR}\ ^{439b}
OP(OR)2CI
                          NaSR
                  +
OP(SR)Cl<sub>2</sub>
                          2 NaOR
                                                  OP(SR)(OR)_2 565c
OP(SR)<sub>2</sub>CI
                          NaOR
                                               OP(SR)<sub>2</sub>OR
                                           SP(OR)<sub>3</sub> 16, 39a, 40, 138b, 224, 405, 502, 637
SPCI3
                 3 NaOR
                                           SP(SR)<sub>3</sub> 40, 106, 502, 565c, 637
SPCI<sub>3</sub>
                    3 NaSR
                                  \rightarrow
SP(OR)Cl<sub>2</sub>
                                                  SP(OR')<sub>2</sub>OR <sup>524b</sup>
                 +
                          2 NaOR'
SP(OR)Cl<sub>2</sub>
                          2 NaSR
                                                 SP(OR)(SR)<sub>2</sub> 565c
                  +
                                              SP(OR)_2SR 535
SP(OR)<sub>2</sub>CI
                  + NaSR
SP(SR)Cl_2
                 +
                         2 NaOR
                                                 SP(SR)(OR)<sub>2</sub>
SP(SR)<sub>2</sub>Cl
                 +
                         NaOR
                                              SP(SR)2OR
                                              SP(SR)<sub>3</sub>
SP(SR)<sub>2</sub>CI
                         NaSR
                 +
                                                  OP(SR)(SR')_2
OP(SR)Cl<sub>2</sub>
                  +
                         2 NaSR'
                                                 \mathrm{SP}(\mathrm{SR})(\mathrm{SR'})_2^{-146}
SP(SR)Cl<sub>2</sub>
                 +
                         2 NaSR'
                                                SP(OR)<sub>2</sub>OR' 234c, 405, 494, 570, 633a
SP(OR)<sub>2</sub>Cl
                          NaOR'
                  +
SP(OEt)<sub>2</sub>CI +
                                                  ArOPS(OEt), 8c
                           ArONa
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There may be, of course, ester interchange.

Phosphorus trichloride, sulfur, and ethylene oxide react: 439a

$$PCI_3 + 2(CH_2)_2O + S \rightarrow CIPS(OCH_2CH_2CI)_2$$

Phosphorus trichloride catalyzes the reaction of phenol with phosphorus sulfochloride:

$$3 \text{ PhOH} + \text{PSCI}_3 \rightarrow (\text{PhO})_3 \text{PS} + 3 \text{ HCI}$$

Refluxing the mixture for 7 hours in its presence causes the evolution of 99.5% of the calculated hydrogen chloride.³⁰⁵ Two molecules of a monochloride can be coupled by the use of sodium:

$$2 (PhO)_2 PSCI + 2 Na \rightarrow (PhO)_2 PS \cdot PS(OPh)_2 + 2 NaCI$$

The product is useful as an extreme-pressure lubricant.²²⁵

Trithio- and tetrathio-phosphates have been made from phosphorus oxychloride and thionophosphorus chlorides and 3-thiophenethiol with the aid of pyridine.¹⁰⁷

A dialkyl phosphite and a sulfenyl chloride give a monothiophosphate: ^{283a, 233b}

$$(RO)_2$$
PONa + R'SCI $ightarrow$ $(RO)_2$ POSR' + NaCi

Trialkyl and triaryl phosphites take up sulfur: 14, 15, 16, 25, 26, 29, 104, 470, 524a

$$(RO)_3P + S \rightarrow (RO)_3PS$$

This is true also of dialkyl phosphites, (RO)₂POH,^{249c} and of tetraalkyl pyrophosphites.²¹ The sulfur may come from phosphorus sulfochloride: ^{16, 305}

$$(PhO)_3P$$
 + $PSCI_3$ \rightarrow $(PhO)_3PS$ + PCI_3

Selenium also is taken up.^{249c} When the ester, (EtO)₂PSH, is treated with sodium in benzene and sulfur added, the dithiophosphate ester, (EtO)₂PSSH, is formed.^{393c}

Esters having the SP(OR) < group rearrange into those with OP(SR) <:

This takes place when the ester is heated in a sealed tube with an alkyl iodide. If the alkyl iodide has a different radical it appears in the new ester:

$$SP(OR)_3 + R'I \rightarrow OP(OR)_2SR' + RI^{5656}$$

This indicates an intermediate of a sulfonium type:

With drastic treatment, the end product is the sulfonium iodide.²²⁴ This isomerization takes place, though to a less extent, when the ester is heated alone, with water, with methanol, or with hydrogen chloride in methanol.²²⁴

The SP(OR)₃ esters form complexes with a number of metal salts.^{123b} These decompose on heating: ^{565b}

$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{SP}(\mathsf{OEt})_3 \mathsf{`AgNO}_3 \to \mathsf{OP}(\mathsf{OEt})_2 \mathsf{SAg} \mathsf{`} + \mathsf{EtNO}_3 \\ & \mathsf{3} \; \mathsf{SP}(\mathsf{OMe})_3 \mathsf{`2} \; \mathsf{FeCl}_3 \xrightarrow{131°} \mathsf{OP}(\mathsf{OMe})_2 \mathsf{SFeCl}_2 + \mathsf{MeCl} \\ & \mathsf{3} \; \mathsf{SP}(\mathsf{OMe})_3 \mathsf{`2} \; \mathsf{FeBr}_3 \xrightarrow{120°} \mathsf{OP}(\mathsf{OMe})_2 \mathsf{SFeBr}_2 + \mathsf{MeBr} \\ & \mathsf{SP}(\mathsf{OEt})_3 \mathsf{`AgNO}_2 \to \mathsf{OP}(\mathsf{OEt})_2 \mathsf{SAg} + \mathsf{EtNO}_2 \end{split}$$

With mercuric chloride the decomposition of the addition compound takes place in stages: ^{565b}

$$\begin{array}{lll} {\rm SP(OMe)_3^{\bullet}2~HgCl_2} & \rightarrow & {\rm OP(OMe)_2SHgCl^{\bullet}HgCl_2} & \rightarrow \\ {\rm OP(OMe)(SHgCl)OHgCl} & \rightarrow & {\rm OP(O_2Hg)HgCl} \end{array}$$

Methyl chloride is given off at each stage. The thallium chloride complex decomposes similarly: ^{565a}

$$SP(OMe)_3 \cdot 2 TICI_3 \rightarrow OP(OMe)(STICI_2)OTICI_2 + 2 MeCI$$

These reactions may involve the formation of a sort of sulfonium complex:

The formation of the triethyl ester, SP(OEt)₃, from SPCl₃ and sodium ethylate is accompanied by that of two sodium salts: EtOPSO₂Na₂ and (EtO)₂PSONa, from which other salts can be prepared.^{424b} These should probably be written OP(OEt) (ONa)-SNa and OP(OEt)₂SNa or as equilibrium mixtures.^{234b} Silver salts, OP(OR)₂SAg, have been reported.^{224, 565a, 565b, 565c} These are the same silver salts that are obtained by the decomposition of the silver nitrate complexes: SP(OR)₃·AgNO₃. They react with alkyl halides: ^{224, 565a}

$$(RO)_2POSAg + RI \rightarrow (RO)_2POSR + AgI$$

Salts of other metals react similarly.^{24, 232a, 234a, 633b} This gives another route from (RO)₃PS to (RO)₂(RS)PO.^{565a}

Thiophosphoric esters have been obtained by the addition of thiophosphoric acid to an unsaturate ^{10, 129, 186b, 351b, 386, 505} and by the reaction of an olefin sulfide with phosphoric acid.²

Phosphorus sulfochloride, SPCl₃, and a number of ester-chlorides and esters made from it, MeOPSCl₂, EtOPSCl₂, PrOPSCl₂, *i*-AmOPSCl₂, (MeO)₂PSCl, (EtO)₂PSCl, (MeO)₃PS and (EtO)₃PS, are oxyluminescent.¹⁷⁷ The ester, (MeO)₃PS, has the odor of ozone.⁶⁴⁷ The absorption spectrum of the triethyl ester, SP(OEt)₃, has been compared to those of triethyl phosphate and inorganic phosphates.⁶⁸⁸ The same has been done for the Raman lines of the trimethyl ester.⁶⁴⁷

Ethyl esters containing only oxygen or only sulfur distil at atmospheric pressure without decomposition. Those containing both decompose at about 160°. An alkyl sulfide is one of the products. Ethyl thiophosphites with only one or two sulfur atoms can be steam-distilled.^{123a, 123b}

The allyl ester-chloride has been made by the addition of sulfur to the allyloxyphosphorus chloride as well as by the reaction of the alcohol on the sulfochloride: ⁵⁶⁷

The esters $SP(OR)_3$ are comparable to the sulfates, $O_2S(OR)_2$, as alkylating agents. Ammonia is alkylated by the triethyl ester at 120° . The reactions may be: ^{565b}

The trimethyl ester reacts similarly with sodium methylate: 224

$$SP(OMe)_2OMe + NaOMe \rightarrow OP(OMe)_2SNa + MeOMe$$

With sodium sulfhydrate it goes further: 224

The salt MeOPSO₂Na₂·6 H₂O melts at 49°.²²⁴

Phosphorus sulfochloride may react with alcohols in another way. 138b, 147

CI HOET OET HCI SPCI
$$+$$
 ETOH \rightarrow SP $-$ OH $+$ ETCI CI ETOH OH ETCI

There may be an equilibrium:

$$SP(OEt)(OH)_2 \implies OP(OEt)(OH)SH$$

Phosphorus oxychloride reacts with a xanthate:

$$OPCI_3 + 3 KSCSOE_1 \rightarrow OP(SCSOE_1)_3 + 3 KC$$

On heating, this decomposes to give an ethyl polysulfide. 600

Aryl trithiophosphates, (ArS)₃PO, are claimed as oxidation inhibitors.⁷⁰⁹ The triphenyl and triamyl esters, (RS)₃PO, are said to be good in extreme-pressure lubricants.³⁶⁸

The thiol esters, OP(SR) (OR)₂, are usually prepared by isomerizing the thion esters, SP(OR)₃.^{224, 565c} This raises the boiling point, at 20 mm. pressure, by about 20° and increases the density.

There are acid esters, SP(SEt)₂OH, SP(SEt) (OEt)OH or OP(SEt) (OEt)SH, SP(SEt)₂OH or OP(SEt)₂SH and SP-(SEt)₂SH.^{511a, 511c}

The addition product of bromine to phosphorus trisulfide reacts with ethanol to give esters of thiopyrophosphoric acid P₂S₃-(OEt)₃Br, P₂S₃(OEt)₂(SEt)₂ and P₂S₃(OEt)₄. Sulfuric acid converts triethyl thiophosphate into tetraethyl dithiopyrophosphate: ^{123b}

2 (EtO)
$$_3$$
PS + 2 H $_2$ SO $_4$ \rightarrow (EtO) $_2$ PS·O·PS(OEt) $_2$ + 2 EtOSO $_3$ H + H $_2$ O Amid-Esters

There are several routes to amid-esters of thiophosphoric acids:

One product of this class is said to be useful in treating yarn; ^{186a} others are pesticides, their chief use. Mixed aryl-alkyl esteramides, p-NO₂C₆H₄OPS(NR₂)OEt, have been described.^{203, 204, 205, 525}

Phosphorus sulfochloride reacts with ammonia and with amines: 41, 138a, 614

$$\mathrm{PSCI}_3 \quad + \quad 3 \; \mathrm{RNH}_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad (\mathrm{RNH})_3 \mathrm{PS} \quad + \quad 3 \; \mathrm{HCI}$$

A molecule of amine can be driven out of thiophosphoric triamide: 512

$$(EtNH)_3PS \rightarrow EtN:PSNHEt + EtNH_2$$

Triamides from morpholine, cyclohexyl amine, piperidine and aniline,^{37, 41, 112} as well as from the simpler amines,^{511b} have been described. Products of this class are said to be useful in high-pressure lubricants.^{469a}

As these thiophosphoric amides and amid-esters do not contain RS- groups, they are not mercaptan derivatives and do not belong in this chapter, but are mentioned for the sake of completeness.

THE REACTION OF PHOSPHOROUS PENTASULFIDE WITH AN ALCOHOL

Kekulé, who thought primarily of valence, wrote the famous equations: 400

This was in 1854. Since then alcohols and phenols have been treated with phosphorus pentasulfide innumerable times and various useful products have been obtained, but there is still uncertainty as to what the primary reaction is. It has, however, been established that Kekulé's equations are incorrect. Some mercaptan may be obtained but it is certainly not a primary product. A 10% yield of thiophenol from phenol has been reported.⁶⁶

It is well known that, in addition reactions, an alcohol, or phenol, divides into RO- and -H; the oxygen, remaining with the alkyl. The primary products of this reaction must be esters in which the radicals are joined to the phosphorus by oxygen. It is not surprising that, with as complicated a reaction as this is, different investigators have reported divergent results. The conditions for carrying out the reaction and the methods of working up the products influence the results.

According to Carius 123a, 123b and to Kovalevsky 440 the reactions with ethanol and with methanol are:

5 ROH +
$$P_2S_5$$
 \rightarrow (RO) $_2$ (RS)PS + (RO) $_2$ PSSH + H_2 O + H_2 S

The neutral ester separates as an oil on the addition of water. This has been reinvestigated recently.^{393a} The isoamyl tetrathiophosphate, (*i*-AmS)₃PS, was reported among the products from isoamyl alcohol.⁴⁴⁰ It is difficult to account for this.

It is now generally agreed that the principal product, that can be isolated, is the dialkyl dithiophosphate, (RO)₂PS·SH.^{121, 242b, 352, 490c, 492a, 502, 565d} The reaction is written:

4 ROH
$$+$$
 P $_2$ S $_5$ \rightarrow 2 (RO) $_2$ PS·SH $+$ H $_2$ S

The yield of this may be as high as 80%. 490c, 491, 502, 535 A lower sulfide of phosphorus, P₄S₇, does not give the same results. 393a, 393b

Cholesterol and phosphorus pentasulfide are reported to give the esters, $(C_{27}H_{45}S)_2PO_2H$, $(C_{27}H_{45}S)(C_{27}H_{45}O)PO_2H$ and (C₂₇H₄₅S)₂P(OH)₃.⁷²¹ In view of other investigations, the sulfur atoms appear to be misplaced. 2-Nitro-*i*-butanol gives [Me₂C-(NO₂)CH₂O]₂PS·SH.³⁹⁹

It is known that alkyl phosphates, like the alkyl sulfates, are active alkylating agents. It is possible that some of the products isolated may have resulted from the alkylation of others. The alkylation of (RO)₂PSSH should give (RO)₂PSSR which would hydrolyze to (RO)₂PSOH and HSR, accounting for the mercaptan. Sodium alcoholate may give a sulfide.⁵¹

Treating phenols and alcohols with phosphorus pentasulfide has assumed industrial importance. The crude products are subjected to a minimum of purification, since neither makers nor users are interested in separating and identifying the pure components. One objective has been the making of products which are useful in flotation. Cresylic acid, which has been heated with phosphorus pentasulfide, is called "reconstructed cresylic acid." The chief active agent may be assumed to be a salt of the diester of the dithiophosphoric acid, (RO)₂PS·SH.^{8a, 111, 140, 182c, 183a, 324, 363, 379, 608b, 609, 617, 735}

Such products, usually as their heavy metal salts, are recommended as lubricating oil additives, as stabilizers or antioxidants, 9b, 36, 122, 155a, 252, 265 or as anticorrosion agents. 122, 287a, 287b, 467, 487, 523, 530, 666a Some of them are pickling-bath inhibitors. 181 Certain of them are useful as extreme-pressure lubricants.^{571, 577}. ⁵⁷⁹ The lead, aluminum, chromium and alkaline earth salts of several are claimed as stabilizers for Diesel oils. 615 Certain thiophosphoric esters are claimed as fuel improvers.⁶¹¹ Aniline may be added to complete the reaction of phosphorus pentasulfide with a hydroxy-compound. 60 A mixture of an alcohol, or phenol, and a monocarboxylic acid may be subjected to the phosphorus pentasulfide treatment. The products are stabilizers and detergents for lubricating oils.8b, 155b Addition agents for oils have been made from wax-phenols. 155c, 588, 589a A cresol may be heated with a mixture of phosphorus and sulfur. 690 Barium sulfide is used in making barium salts.34

Salts of the acids, (RO)₂PSSH, with nitrogen bases, such as guanidine, are said to be plasticizers for neoprene-type materials.¹⁷²

The acids, $(RO)_2PSSH$, in which R is methyl, ethyl, butyl, s-butyl, amyl, *i*-amyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, allyl, cyclohexyl,

benzyl, phenyl, or one of the tolyls, have been prepared by heating phosphorus pentasulfide with the appropriate alcohol. These give colored precipitates with some heavy metals. They may be used for the determination of molybdenum.¹¹⁶

They may be alkylated by heating their metal salts with alkyl halides or other alkylating agents: 61, 234b, 241b, 351a, 359, 535, 613

$$(EtO)_2PSSNa + BrR \rightarrow (EtO)_2PSSR + NaBr$$

The reaction with phosgene gives a carbonyl tetrathiodiphosphate, OC[SPS(OR)₂]₂. The ethyl, butyl and tolyl compounds are said to be valuable in the flotation of copper ores.^{241a}

A dialkyl ester of a dithiophosphoric acid, such as (EtO)₂-PSSH, is actually a thioacid. As is characteristic of thioacids, these add to unsaturates,⁵³⁵ such as unsaturated ketones,^{351b} maleic esters,^{10, 129, 386, 505} and vinyl ethers.³⁶⁰ Formaldehyde couples them to phenols ¹⁵⁴ or to alcohols.³⁶⁰

The dialkyl and diaryl esters, (RO)₂PSSH and (ArO)₂PSSH, or their salts may be oxidised to the disulfides, (RO)₂PSSSPS-(OR)₂ by chlorine or other oxidising agents.^{242b, 249c, 871c, 393b, 485, 491, 515, 545} The products are said to be useful in oils for high-pressure lubricants,⁵⁴⁵ for stabilizers,⁵¹⁵ or for flotation agents.³⁸⁴

A phenol may be heated with phosphorus pentasulfide and the product treated with sulfur chloride to give a polysulfide, $(ArO)_2PS(S)_nPS(OAr)_2$.^{275, 515, 585b, 608a, 674b} The products may be vulcanization accelerators ^{608a} or additives for lubricating oils.^{275, 515, 589b, 674b} A selenide, $[(RO)_2PSS]_4Se$, is claimed as a vulcanization accelerator.⁶⁰⁷ A monosulfide, $(RO)_2PS\cdot S\cdot PS(OR)_2$, is said to be a flotation agent.⁴⁸¹

Dithionopyrophosphates are prepared by the action of water on the thionoester chloride in the presence of pyridine:

$$2 \text{ (EtO)}_2 \text{PSCI} \quad + \quad \text{H}_2 \text{O} \quad \rightarrow \quad 2 \text{ C}_5 \text{H}_5 \text{N} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{(EtO)}_2 \text{PS·O·PS(OEt)}_2$$

An inorganic base can be used, provided some pyridine is present.²³⁵ The toxicity of these esters has been studied.⁷⁰⁷

Phosphorus pentasulfide and ethyl orthoformate give a dithiophosphate, Et₃PO₂S₂, of undetermined structure. Ethyl tetrathiophosphate is obtained with ethyl trithio-orthoformate.^{86, 87}

PHOSPHORUS PENTASULFIDE AND OTHER COMPOUNDS

A mercaptan and phosphorus pentasulfide give a tetrathiophosphate, (RS)₃PS, and a trithiometaphosphate, RSPS₂.^{123b, 612b} The product from benzyl mercaptan is claimed as a flotation agent.^{182c}

Products which are mixtures of unknown composition, but which must certainly contain one or more thiophosphoric esters, are made by heating an olefin with phosphorus pentasulfide. These are worked up in various ways into oil additives. The olefins are usually of molecular weights between 200 and 500.^{11, 174, 401, 402b, 472a, 472b, 472c, 675} Hydrolysis of the product prepared from cyclohexene gives a large amount of cyclohexyl mercaptan indicating that the C₆H₁₁S– group is a part of the thiophosphate ester.³⁶⁷ A compound having the composition, (C₆H₉PS₂)₂ has been isolated.²³⁶ A product from oleic acid and a hydroxy-compound, and one from these plus naphthalene, are said to be useful in flotation.^{167b}

Useful products, of unknown constitution, are said to be obtained by heating phosphorus pentasulfide with petroleum hydrocarbons, 472b. 473, 732 hydrogenated rubber 402a or an ester-type wax. 527 Naphthalene, 182b an alkylated naphthalene, 486 and benzonitrile 167a have been subjected to a similar treatment. Perylene gives a red dye. 560

Phosphorus pentasulfide reacts with aromatic amines: 112, 113, 435

$$6 \text{ PhNH}_2 + P_2S_5 \rightarrow 2 (\text{PhNH})_3\text{PS} + 3 \text{ H}_2\text{S}$$

With a smaller proportion of aniline, the reaction is like that with a phenol, at least as the equation is written: 112, 113

4 PhNH
$$_2$$
 + P $_2$ S $_5$ \rightarrow 2 (PhNH) $_2$ PSSH + H $_2$ S

Mixtures of products are obtained from primary and secondary aliphatic amines,⁷⁴³ some of which are claimed as high-pressure lubricants.^{469a}

With camphorimide, phosphorus pentasulfide functions as a sulfur donor, producing dithiocamphorimide. 496

ALKYL AND ARYL PHOSPHINE DERIVATIVES

Some of the following compounds are not mercaptan derivatives but they are mentioned on account of their relations to the phosphorus compounds which have just been considered.

An alkylphosphorus chloride takes up sulfur:

$$RPCl_2 + S \rightarrow RPSCl_2$$

This chloride reacts with a sodium alcoholate:

$$RPSCl_2 + 2 NaOR' \rightarrow RPS(OR')_2 + 2 NaCl$$

The ethyl, propyl, i-butyl and i-amyl chlorides have been reported but only one ester.³¹⁴

Phosphorus sulfochloride reacts with the Grignard reagent:

Triethylphosphine and triphenylphosphine take up sulfur: 120 , 749

$$R_3P + S \rightarrow R_3PS$$

Triethylphosphorus sulfide is described as exceptionally beautiful glistening white crystals.¹²⁰ From diethylphosphine and sulfur, some of this compound is obtained along with the acid Et₂PSSH.³⁵⁵ An isomeric form of the same acid is produced by the reaction of ethylmagnesium bromide on phosphorus pentasulfide.³⁵⁸ The isomerism is explained by assuming different spacial distribution of the groups around the phosphorus atom.^{490a} The reaction of a Grignard reagent with phosphorus pentasulfide is complex, but two of the products finally isolated are R₃PS and R₂PSSH. The methyl, ethyl, *i*-propyl, *i*-butyl, cyclohexyl, and phenyl compounds have been studied.^{490a, 490b, 492b}

In its reactions phenylphosphorus resembles phosphorus closely except that it is quadrivalent instead of pentavalent. The chloride, PhPCl₂ reacts with a mercaptan: ^{22, 492a}

$$\mathsf{PhPCl}_2 \quad + \quad \mathsf{2} \; \mathsf{EtSH} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathsf{PhP(SEt)}_2 \quad + \quad \mathsf{2} \; \mathsf{HCI}$$

The product combines with sulfur at 150°:

$$PhP(SEt)_2 + S \rightarrow PhPS(SEt)_2$$

This undergoes partial hydrolysis:

bis-Ethylmercapto phenyl phosphorus reacts with ethyl iodide at 130°: ²²

$$PhP(SEt)_2 + EtI \rightarrow PhEtPS*SE$$

The diphenyl chloride reacts similarly with a mercaptide:

$$Ph_2PCI + EtSNa \rightarrow Ph_2PSEt + NaCI$$

This is an oil, which, when heated to 100° with ethyl iodide, isomerizes: 20

$$Ph_2PSEt \rightarrow Ph_2EtPS$$

The benzyl and allyl compounds, Ph₂PSCH₂Ph and Ph₂PSCH₂-CH:CH₂, isomerize on standing.^{23b}

Esters of alkylphosphinic acids take up sulfur just as do those of the phosphorus acids: ²⁷

$$\text{EtP(OMe)}_2 \quad + \quad \text{S} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{EtPS(OMe)}_2$$

Diethyl *i*-amylthiophosphinate, in lubricating oils, is said to prevent corrosion.⁶⁹¹ Other esters of this type are claimed as oil additives.¹⁴³

PARATHION

This is the generally accepted name for the widely used insecticide, O,O-diethyl O-p-nitrophenylthiophosphate, NO₂C₆H₄-O(EtO)₂PS. This was originated by I. G. Farben (their E-605) and the information brought to this country.^{501, 700} A German preparation was found not identical with an American.³²¹

The synthesis, according to the German method with some improvements, has been described in detail. Thiophosphoryl chloride is caused to react with 2 equivalents of sodium ethylate:

$$SPCI_3 + 2 EtONa \rightarrow (EtO)_9 PSCI + 2 NaCI$$

This ester chloride then reacts with sodium p-nitrophenoxide: 242a

$$(\text{EtO})_2 \text{PSCI} \quad + \quad \text{NO}_2 \text{C}_6 \text{H}_4 \text{ONa} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{NO}_2 \text{C}_6 \text{H}_4 \text{O(EtO)}_2 \text{PS} \quad + \quad \text{NaCI}$$

There are many variations of details in methods of carrying out these reactions.^{215, 233b, 497, 498, 633c} Other ways of arriving at the same goal have been proposed. The ester, (EtO)₂PS·SH, from ethanol and phosphorus pentasulfide, is chlorinated to the esterthiochloride, (EtO)₂PSCl, which is caused to react with sodium p-nitrophenate.^{242b, 708} The order of these steps may be changed. Phosphorus trichloride and p-nitrophenol are caused to react and sulfur is added to the product: ¹⁴⁵

The final reaction is with ethanol:

$$NO_2C_6H_4OPSCI_2 + 2 EtOH \rightarrow NO_2C_6H_4OPS(OEt)_2 + 2 HCI_2OETO_$$

Parathion is formed when tetraethyl thiopyrophosphate is heated with p-nitrophenol: 74

$$(\text{EtO})_2 \text{PS} \cdot \text{O} \cdot \text{PS}(\text{OE})_2 \quad + \quad 2 \text{ O}_2 \text{NC}_6 \text{H}_4 \text{OH} \quad \rightarrow \quad 2 \text{ (EtO})_2 \text{PSOC}_6 \text{H}_4 \text{NO}_2 \quad + \quad \text{H}_2 \text{O}_2 \text{OC}_6 \text{OC}$$

Several sets of data for the properties of parathion have been given: $b_{0.5}$ 157–62°; n 25/D 1.5370; 242a m.6°; n 20/D 1.5384; 508b m.5.95 ± 0.05 ; d 25/4 1.2656; n 20/D 1.53858. At 25° the surface tension is 39.2 and the viscosity, 15.30. 739

Parathion is isomerized by heating at 150° in a sealed tube: 508b, 522

$$(\text{E+O})_2 \text{PS+OC}_6 \text{H}_4 \text{NO}_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{E+O}(\text{E+S}) \text{PO+OC}_6 \text{H}_4 \text{NO}_2$$

The S-nitrophenyl isomer has been made from diethyl phosphite and p-nitrobenzenesulfenyl chloride.^{233a}

For studies of absorption and location in the body of an insect parathion has been synthesized, labeled with S³⁵, ^{382, 474} with P^{32, 526} and with both of these.³⁴⁰

In the absence of alkali, the hydrolysis of parathion is slow, only 50% in 4 months, but in the presence of lime, it takes place in 8 hours.⁵⁵⁷ The rates of hydrolysis of nitrophenyl esters of phosphoric acid are higher than those of thiophosphoric.⁴⁰⁶

The need for an analytical method 737 has been met in several ways. Parathion may be reduced to the amino compound which is diazotized and coupled to give a dye which is estimated colorimetrically. $^{42, 119, 221, 268, 296, 316, 753}$ The reduction at a dropping mercury electrode gives a characteristic curve which may be matched by the unknown with an error of $\pm 1\%$. So In a cooperative study, a potentiometric method was found to be satisfactory. After alkaline hydrolysis, the p-nitrophenol may be determined. The may be separated from its isomers by partition chromatography. Mosquito larvae may be used in a bioassay. Mosquito larvae may be used in a bioassay.

The amounts and permanence of residues left on fruits and vegetables have been investigated.^{59, 125, 295, 315, 332, 722, 731}

The attractiveness of this compound as an insecticide has led to extensive studies of possible dangers to man ^{463, 465, 697, 723} and of the physiological effects on animals ^{191, 338, 462, 602, 717} and fish. ⁴⁶⁸ Naturally the effects on plants have also been considered. ^{166, 298, 301, 575, 581, 639, 652, 653, 719}

There have been many reviews and discussions about para-

thion, its usefulness and applications.^{130, 168, 322, 335, 336, 394, 427, 466a, 499, 563a, 586, 664a, 693, 719, 725, 727 There are many reports and recommendations as to its use in greenhouses.^{79, 184, 334, 353, 503, 656, 658, 659}}

Several attempts have been made to determine the mechanism of its action on insects.^{65, 208, 507, 508a}

Unfortunately it is toxic to bees,^{219, 320, 642} as well as to objectionable insects.

It has been tested extensively on a variety of insect pests. Various kinds of aphids 13, 135, 165, 189, 210, 270a, 282, 337, 366, 392, 443b, 475, 692, 694c, 713, 728b, 740 and mites 362a, 366, 374, 383b, 392, 421, 514, 521, ^{531b, 532, 643, 699, 727, 742} have received much attention. Tests have been run on several kinds of moths, 150, 152, 207, 845, 857, 521, 582 citrus pests. 230, 546a, 568, 698, 744 curculios. 80b, 136, 161c, 206, 362b, 603b, 664a, 664b, 728a gladiolus thrip, 654, 655 corn 18, 582, 693 and squash 128 borers, wire worms, 188, 449 grasshoppers, 91, 117, 269, 270c, 312, 313, 554, 598 leaf rollers, 299, 307, 309, 328, 419, 420, 603a, 694a army worms, 356, 693, 702 fruit flies, 161b, 253, 256, 392 cochineal, 563b sheep tick, 297 mealy bugs, 529. 546b, 699 Japanese 3, 635 and other beetles, 88, 158, 179, 319, 385, 699, 741a spittle bugs,^{726, 741b} roaches,^{308, 421} psylla,^{124, 323, 542} boll weevil,^{239,} 270d, 475, 583, 619 mosquitoes, 294, 710 flies, 220, 286, 354 caterpillars, 19, 587, ⁷¹⁸ corn worms, ^{12, 118, 264, 311, 443a, 729} bag worms, ⁵⁶⁹ peach borer, ^{80a}, ⁵²¹ leaf nematode, ¹⁸⁷ migratory locust, ^{466b} harlequin bug, ^{270b} olive scale, 670 leaf tier, 513, 576 saw fly, 83 and many other pests. 17, 105, 159, 161a, 169, 330, 383a, 531a, 601, 610, 694b At 1 part to 5000 of soil, it is effective against termites for 2 years.347

Other, more or less analogous, thiophosphates have been considered. Two methyl, two propyl, two isopropyl, and an ethyl and a butyl group have been substituted for the two ethyls of parathion and various substituted phenyls for the p-nitro. P-Nitrobenzyl and coumaryl groups have been tried in place of the p-nitrophenyl. Two or three p-nitrophenyl groups are less effective than one. MeOPS(OC₆H₄NO₂-p)₂, EtOPS(OC₆H₄NO₂-p)₂, and PS(OC₆H₄NO₂-p)₃ have negligible activity. The phenyl-phosphonates, PhPS(OMe)OC₆H₄NO₂-p and PhPS(OEt)OC₆-H₄NO₂-p are effective. Tetraethyl dithionopyrophosphate has received the most attention. Tetraethyl dithionopyrophosphate has received the most attention. It is reported to be superior to parathion. A dimethyl dithiophosphate and ethyl p-nitrobenzenephosphonate have been tested.

Physical Properties of Thiophosphoric Derivatives

The properties of some thiophosphoric chlorides and esters are given in the following. The chief purpose is to show the great gaps in our knowledge and the incompleteness of the information about the compounds that have been described. The remarks that were made about "boiling points" in the introduction of the property list in Chapter 1, apply here with equal force. This list, which is far from being complete, does give some information about quite a number of compounds and tells who made them.

The infrared spectra of thirty-four thiophosphates and related compounds have been studied. The $P \leftrightarrow O$ bond absorbs strongly in the region of 1250 to 1300 cm⁻³. The absorption by the $P \leftrightarrow S$ bond is weak and poorly characterized.³⁰⁴

Dipole moments of a number of esters, (RO)₃PS, have been determined.²⁸ (RO)₃PO and (RO)₃PS have similar structures. The three alkoxy chains are parallel.²⁹

Ester-Halides

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MeOPSCl<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>40</sub> 70°; d 0/4 1.4946.565a, 565c
EtOPSCl<sub>2</sub>, m.-78.4°; 84 b<sub>20</sub> 68°; d 0/4 1.3966; 565a, 565c b<sub>20</sub> 52.0°;
    d 0/4 1.4395.84
ClCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OPSCl<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>14</sub> 104-8°; d<sub>20</sub> 1.4671; n 20/D 1.5362.<sup>271</sup>
EtOPSCIF, b<sub>20</sub> 26.2°; m.-178°; d 0/4 1.3828.84
EtOPSF<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>760</sub> 78.4°; m.-124°; d 0/4 1.3019.84
PrOPSCl_2, \ b_{20} \ 80^{\circ}, ^{565c} \ b_{20} \ 84^{\circ}; \ ^{565a} \ d \ 0/4 \ 1.3341. ^{565a}, \ ^{565c}
BuOPSCl<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>10</sub> 81-2°.502
i-BuOPSCl<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>20</sub> 91°, <sup>565a</sup> b<sub>20</sub> 88°; <sup>565c</sup> d 0/4 1.2721. <sup>565a</sup>
i-AmOPSCl<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>15</sub> 108–9°; d 0/4 1.2370, d 17/0 1.2188.<sup>177</sup>
EtOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OPSCl<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>23</sub> 108–14°; d<sub>20</sub> 1.294; n 20/D 1.4910.<sup>271</sup>
CH<sub>2</sub>:CHCH<sub>2</sub>OPSCl<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>25</sub> 74°.<sup>567</sup>
EtSPSCl<sub>2</sub>, b_{10} 90°, ^{565c} 92°; d 0/4 1.4450. ^{565b}, ^{565c}
PhOPSCl<sub>2</sub>, b_{16} 132°, ^{39a} b_{26} 150°, ^{305} b_{11} 119–20°; d 20/4 1.4059. ^{16}
m\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{OPSCl}_2, b_{12} 138^{\circ}.^{104}
(MeO)_2PSCl, b_1 40^{\circ}, b_2 60-3^{\circ}, b_3 b_{20} 70-2^{\circ}; b_2 5/D 1.4795; b_2 60-2^{\circ}
   b<sub>16</sub> 66°; d 0/4 1.3414, d 17/4 1.3217.<sup>177</sup>
(EtO)_2PSCl, b_{20} 94–6°, 242b b_{25} 96–9°, 502 b_{12} 81–2°, 393c b_{11.5}
   81.5-3^{\circ}, 38 b<sub>8</sub> 75^{\circ}, 490c b<sub>2</sub> 60-3^{\circ}, 491 b<sub>1</sub> 49-50^{\circ}; 9a, 339 d<sub>20</sub> 1.1918;
   n 20/D 1.4711,393c n 25/D 1.4685.242b
(ClCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>PSCl, b<sub>17</sub> 130°; d<sub>20</sub> 1.5135; n 20/D 1.5641.<sup>271</sup>
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(EtO)₂PSF, b₁₂ 55.6-5.8.⁷³⁴

(PrO)₂PSCl, b₁ 70-5°; n 25/D 1.4672.^{242b}

 $(i\text{-PrO})_2\text{PSCl}$, b_1 56–9°, 242b $b_{0.5}$ 55°, 9a b_{14} 91°; 33 n 25/D 1.4601. 242b

 $(BuO)_2PSCl$, $b_{0.7}$ 95–8°, 242b b_2 95–8°, 502 b_1 75°; 9a n 25/D 1.4670. 242b

 $(t-BuO)_2$ PSCl, $b_{0.5}$ 76–82°; n 25/D 1.4624.^{242b}

 $(PhO)_2 PSCl, \ m.68^{\circ},^{226} \ 67^{\circ},^{39a} \ 64^{\circ},^{16, \ 305} \ 71^{\circ}; ^{9a} \ b_{11} \ 194^{\circ},^{16} \ b_{1} \ 180-3^{\circ}.^{305}$

 $(p-MeC_6H_4O)_2PSCl, m.53^{\circ}.^{39a}$

 $(m-\text{MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{O})_2\text{PSCl}, \text{ m.34}^\circ; b_{11} 218^\circ.^{104}$

 $(p-ClC_6H_4O)_2PSCl$, m.92°.39a

(EtS)₂POCl, b₂₂ 145-50°.⁵⁰²

(EtS)₂POF, b₁₅ 104-7°. 137, 483

(EtS)₂PSCl, b₂ 110-3°. 502

Esters

 $\begin{array}{l} (\rm MeO)_{3}\rm PS,\ b_{20}\ 82^{\circ},^{565a,\ 565c,\ 647}\ b_{12}\ 78^{\circ},^{565a,\ 565c}\ 80^{\circ};^{224,\ 647}\ d\ 0/4 \\ 1.2190,^{565a,\ 565c}\ d_{15}\ 1.2053,\ d_{10.5}\ 1.2112;\ n\ 10.5/D\ 1.45830;^{224} \\ +2\ HgCl_{2},\ m.102^{\circ};\ +AuCl_{3};\ m.110^{\circ};\ +2/3\ FeCl_{3},\ m.125^{\circ}; \\ +2/3\ FeBr_{3},\ m.99^{\circ}.^{565b} \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{l} ({\rm EtO})_{3}{\rm PS},\ b_{12}\ 95.5^{\circ},^{688}\ 94-5^{\circ},^{28}\ b_{16}\ 100^{\circ},^{565a}\ b_{20}\ 106^{\circ},^{502},\ ^{565a}\ 118^{\circ};^{24}\ d\ 0/4\ 1.0942,^{565c}\ d\ 20/4\ 1.1132,^{688}\ 1.0756;\ n\ 20/D\ 1.4488,^{28}\ n\ 22/D\ 1.4520;^{24}\ surface\ tension\ 29.65\ at\ 20^{\circ};\ parachor\ 431.2;^{29}\ +{\rm HgI}_{2},\ m.88^{\circ};^{565a},^{565c}\ +2/3\ PtCl_{4},\ m.103^{\circ}.^{565b} \end{array}$

 $(PrO)_3PS,\,b_{10}$ 123.5–4.5°, $^{28,\ 29}$ b_{20} 133–4°; d 0/4 1.0407, 565c d 20/4 1.0177; n 20/D 1.4502; $^{28,\ 29}$ surface tension 28.47 at 20°; parachor 545.4. 29

(BuO)₃PS, b₁₁ 158-9°; d 20/4 0.9871; n 20/D 1.4515; ^{28, 29} surface tension 28.36 at 20°; parachor 660.2°.²⁹

(i-BuO)₃PS, b₂₀ 155°; d 0/4 0.9905.^{565c}

(i-AmO)₃PS, d₁₂ 0.849.^{138b}

 $(\text{HexO})_3\text{PS}$, $b_{2.5}$ 188–8.5°; ^{28, 29} d 20/4 0.9501,²⁹ 0.9483; n 20/D 1.4552,²⁸ 1.4568; surface tension 28.68 at 20°; parachor 892.6.²⁹

 $(OctO)_3PS$, $b_{0.5}$ 224-6°; d 20/4 0.9293; n 20/D. 1.4592; ^{28, 29} surface tension 29.11 at 20°; parachor 1126.4.²⁹

(ClCH₂CH₂O)₃PS, b₉ 142-50°; d 20/4 1.4778; n 20/D 1.5650.²⁷¹

 $(PhO)_3PS$, m.53°, $^{39a}_{39a}$ 50°, $^{16}_{16}$ 49°; $^{637}_{59}$ b₁ 232°, $^{305}_{59}$ b₁₁ 245°; d 20/4 1.23411. 16

 $(o-MeC_6H_4O)_3PS$, m.45°; b₁ 260-5°.344

n 10/D 1.46864.²²⁴

 $MeS(EtO)_2PO, b_{14} 112-3^{\circ}.^{633b}$

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(m-\text{MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{O})_3\text{PS}, \text{ m.41}^\circ; \text{ b}_2 270-2^{\circ}.^{104}
(p-ClC_6H_4O)_3PS, m.114^{\circ}.^{39a}
(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PS·OPh, b<sub>10</sub> 162°.<sup>570</sup>
(MeO)_2PS \cdot OC_6H_4NO_2-p, m.38°, 242b 37°; 508b n 25/D 1.5622.8c
(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PS·OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>-o, n 25/D 1.4882.8c
(EtO)_2PS \cdot OC_6H_4NO_2-p, m.6°; 508b b<sub>2</sub> 196°, 570 b<sub>0.6</sub> 157-62°; 242a
   d 1.26; 382 n 20/D 1.5384,508b n 25/D 1.5367,242b 1.5380,382
   1.5370.8c, 242a
(PrO)_2PS \cdot OC_6H_4NO_2-p, b_{0.5} 164°; n 25/D 1.5259.<sup>242b</sup>
(i-PrO)_2PS \cdot OC_6H_4NO_2-p, m.57°, ^{242b}, ^{508b} 55°.8c
(BuO)_2PS \cdot OC_6H_4NO_2-p, n 25/D 1.5195,<sup>242b</sup> 1.5232.8c
(i-BuO)_2PS\cdot OC_6H_4NO_2-p, b_{0.4} 167–75°; n 25/D 1.5155.242b
(BuCHEtCH_2O)_2PS\cdot OC_6H_4NO_2-p, n 25/D 1.5052.8c
(DecO)_2PS\cdot OC_6H_4NO_2-p, n 25/D 1.4940.8c
(PhO)_2PS\cdot OC_6H_4NO_2-p, m.65°.8c, 242b
(ClCH_2CH_2O)_2PS\cdot OC_6H_4NO_2-p, n 20/D 1.5780.271
MeOPS(OC_6H_4NO_2-p)_2, m.96°.405
EtOPS (OC_6H_4NO_2-p)_2, m.126°.405
ClCH_2CH_2O \cdot PS(OC_6H_4NO_2-p)_2, m.96°.271
EtOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O·PS(OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>-p)<sub>2</sub>, m.76°.271
(p-NO_2C_6H_4O)_3PS, m.174^{\circ}.^{405}
(MeO)_2PS\cdot OCH_2CH_2SMe, b_2 115^{\circ}.^{234c}
(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PS·OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SMe, b<sub>1</sub> 131-2°.<sup>234c</sup>
(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PS·OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SEt, b<sub>1</sub> 134°.<sup>234c</sup>
(EtO)_{2}PS \cdot OCH_{2}CH_{2}SC_{6}H_{4}Me-p, b_{1} 185^{\circ}.^{234c}
(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PS·OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SEt, b<sub>2.5</sub> 168°.<sup>234c</sup>
(MeO)_2PS\cdot OC_6H_4O\cdot PS(OMe)_2-m, b_{0.6} 120-5°; d_{20} 1.2890; n
   20/D 1.5310.494
(MeO)_2PS \cdot OC_6H_4O \cdot PS(OMe)_2 - p, b_{0.04} \cdot 105^\circ; d_{20} \cdot 1.2428; n \cdot 20/D
   1.5230.494
(EtO)_2PS\cdot OC_6H_4O\cdot PS(OEt)_2-m, b_{0.15} 130°; d_{20} 1.1991; n 20/D
   1.5113.494
(EtO)_2PS\cdot OC_6H_4O\cdot PS(OEt)_2-p, b_{0,2} 134°; d_{20} 1.2496; n 20/D
   1.5158.494
(i-PrO)_2PS\cdot OC_6H_4O\cdot PS(OPr-i)_2-m, d_{20} 1.1352; n 20/D 1.5103.494
(i-PrO)_2PS\cdot OC_6H_4O\cdot PS(OPr-i)_2-p, d<sub>20</sub> 1.1720; n 20/D 1.5193.494
MeS(MeO)_2PO, b_{20} 107°; ^{565c} d 0/4 1.2683, ^{565a}, ^{565c} d<sub>10</sub> 1.2562;
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1.5428.585

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EtS(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PO, b.237°, b<sub>20</sub> 122°, <sup>565c</sup> b<sub>2</sub> 98°, <sup>633b</sup> b<sub>16</sub> 120°; <sup>565a</sup> d 0/4
    1.1243.565c
PrS(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PO, b<sub>1</sub> 130.5°.633b
PrS(PrO)<sub>2</sub>PO, b<sub>20</sub> 156°; d 0/4 1.0532.<sup>565c</sup>
i-BuS(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PO, b<sub>0.5</sub> 105°,633b b<sub>20</sub> 138°; d 0/4 1.0897.565c
i-BuO (i-BuS) 2PO, b20 170°; d 0/4 1.0099.565c
HexS(EtO)_2PO, b_1 125-30^{\circ}.633b
C_{12}H_{25}S(EtO)_{2}PO, b_{0.5} 185-9^{\circ}.^{633b}
PhCH<sub>2</sub>S(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PO, b<sub>2</sub> 165-70°.633b
EtSCH<sub>2</sub>S(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PO, b<sub>1.5</sub> 129-30°.633b
p\text{-MeC}_6H_4SCH_2S(EtO)_2PO, b_{0.5} 178^{\circ}.633b
p-EtC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>SCH<sub>2</sub>S(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PO, b<sub>1</sub> 136°.633b
MeSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PO, b<sub>2</sub> 134–8°.633b
EtSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PO, b<sub>1</sub> 137-41°.683b
(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PO·SCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S·PO (EtO)<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>0.5</sub> 190°.633b
MeS(MeO)_2PS, b_8 86°, ^{535} 86–7°, ^{3938} b_{14} 103°, ^{177} b_{16.5} 101–
   1.5^{\circ}; <sup>393a</sup> d 0/4 1.2587, d 17/4 1.2427, <sup>177</sup> d 20/20 1.2443, <sup>535</sup> d<sub>20</sub>
   1.2415; n 20/D 1.5292,393a 1.5285.535
EtS(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PS, b_1 74–7°, b_{10} 115–15.5°, b_{20} 128°, b_{20} 128°, b_{23}
   128-9^{\circ}; 535 d 0/4 1.1336, 565c d 20/20 1.1138, 535 d<sub>20</sub> 1.1156; n
   20/D \ 1.5013^{393a} \ 1.5033^{535} + 2 HgI_2, m.86^{\circ}.^{565c}
PrS(PrO)_2PS, b_{11} 115-6°; d_{20} 1.0561; n 20/D 1.4955.<sup>393a</sup>
i-PrS(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PS, b<sub>1</sub> 73-7°; d 20/20 1.0834; n 20/D 1.4993.<sup>535</sup>
i-PrS(i-PrO)_2PS, b<sub>3</sub> 91–2°; d<sub>20</sub> 1.0351; n 20/D 1.4843.<sup>393a</sup>
BuS(BuO)<sub>2</sub>PS, b<sub>4</sub> 148-9°; d<sub>20</sub> 1.0159; n 20/D 1.4859.<sup>393a</sup>
OctS(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PS, b<sub>0.02</sub> 75-6°, b<sub>0.03</sub> 80°; d 20/20 1.0155; n 20/D
    1.4930.535
C_6H_{13}CHMeS(EtO)_2PS, b_{0.02} 74-6°; d 20/20 1.0179; n 20/D
    1.4917.535
C_6H_{13}CHMeS(PrO)_2PS, b_{0.03} 80°; d 20/20 0.9970; n 20/D
    1.4893.535
C_6H_{13}CHMeS(BuO)_2PS, b_{0.03} 98–9°; d 20/20 0.9830; n 20/D
    1.4870.535
c-HexS(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PS, b<sub>0.02</sub> 62°; d 20/20 1.0098; n 20/D 1.5203.<sup>535</sup>
c-HexS(PrO)<sub>2</sub>PS, b<sub>0.06</sub> 82-3°; d 20/20 1.0751; n 20/D 1.5135.<sup>535</sup>
c-HexS(BuO)<sub>2</sub>PS, b<sub>0.13</sub> 101-3°; d 20/20 1.0475; n 20/D 1.5073.<sup>535</sup>
PhCHMeS(EtO)<sub>2</sub>PS, b<sub>0.02</sub> 85°; d 20/20 1.1401; n 20/D 1.5540.<sup>535</sup>
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PhCHMeS(PrO)₂PS, b_{0.03} 99.5-101°; d 20/20 1.1022; n 20/D

PhCHMeS(BuO)₂PS, $b_{0.16}$ 119–21°; d 20/20 1.0712; n 20/D 1.5315.⁵³⁵

 $PhCH_2CH_2S(EtO)_2PS$, $b_{0.02}$ 85–6°; d 20/20 1.1395; n 20/D 1.5543.⁵³⁵

MeSCH₂CH₂S(EtO)₂PS, b₂ 134-8°.^{234c}

EtSCH₂CH₂S (EtO)₂PS, b₁ 137-41°.^{234c}

MeCOCH₂CH₂S(EtO)₂PS, n 25/D 1.5074.351b

MeCOCH₂CHMeS(EtO)₂PS, n 25/D 1.5087.^{351b}

 $MeCOCH_2CHMeS(i-PrO)_2PS$, n 25/D 1.4998.351b

 $MeCOCH_2CHMeS(C_{14}H_{29}O)_2PS$, n 25/D 1.4805.351b

MeCOCH₂CHMeS(PhO)₂PS, n 25/D 1.5878.351b

 $MeO_2CCH_2CH_2S(EtO)_2PS$, $b_{0.01}$ 65–6°, $b_{0.025}$ 77–8°; d 20/20 1.1859; n 20/D 1.5026.⁵³⁵

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m MeO_2CCH_2CH_2S(PrO)_2PS,\ b_{0.04}\ 85\text{--}6^\circ;\ d\ 20/20\ 1.1241;\ n\ 20/D}\atop 1.4984.^{535}$

 $\rm MeO_2CCH_2CH_2S(BuO)_2PS,\ b_{0.03}$ 96–7°; d 20/20 1.1375; n 20/D 1.4942. 535

(EtS)₂(EtO)PO, b₂₀ 148°; d 0/4 1.1619.565c

(EtS)₃PO, b₂ 128–32°,⁵⁰² b₁₈ 175°,¹³⁷ b₂₀ 174–5°; d 0/4 1.1966.^{565c} (EtS)₂(EtO)PS, b₂₀ 155°; d 0/4 1.1714; + 2 HgI₂, m.112°; + 2 HgCl₂, m.81°.^{565b, 565c} (PhS)₃PO, m.72°.⁶³⁷

(EtS) $_3$ PS, b₂₀ 182°, $_5$ 665c b₂ 132–8°, $_5$ 602 118–9°, $_8$ 7 b_{0.8} 97–100°; $_8$ 86 d 0/4 1.2227; $_5$ 665c n 20/D 1.6201; $_8$ 86 + HgCl₂, m.84°. $_5$ 665b. $_5$ 665c (PhS) $_3$ PS, m.86°. $_6$ 87 (PhCH₂S) $_3$ PS, m.-13°. $_6$ 12b

Amides

MeNHPSCl₂, b₃₃ 115°.^{511c}
EtNHPSCl₂, b.216°, b₂₀ 115°.^{511c}
PrNHPSCl₂, b₁₇ 121°.^{511c} *i*-BuNHPSCl₂, b.251°, b₁₅ 123°.^{511c} *i*-AmNHPSCl₂, b₁₆ 140°.^{511c}
Et₂NPSCl₂, b₁₄ 107°; d₁₅ 1.105.^{511c}
Pr₂NPSCl₂, b.242°, b₁₅ 133°; d₁₅ 1.077.^{511c} *i*-Bu₂NPSCl₂, m.36°; b₁₀ 150°.^{511c} *i*-Am₂NPSCl₂, b₁₃ 160–3°; d₁₅ 1.0288.
EtNHPS(OEt)₂, b₁₂ 94°.^{511c}

PrNHPS (OEt)₂, b₁₁ 98°; d₁₅ 1.005.^{511c} *i*-BuNHPS(OEt)₂, b₁₂ 104°.^{511c} MeNHPS $(OC_6H_4Cl-p)_2$, d_{26} 1.26; n 35/D 1.5356.^{524c} EtNHPS(OC₆H₄Cl-p)₂, d₂₈ 1.15; n 35/D 1.5290.^{524c} $i\text{-PrNHPS}(OC_6H_4Cl-p)_2$, d_{19} 1.13; n 35/D 1.5250.524c $AmNHPS(OC_6H_2Cl_3-2,4,6)_2$, d_{31} 1.07; n 35/D 1.4956.^{524c} $c\text{-HexNHPS}(OC_6H_2Cl_3-2,4,5)_2$, m.66–72°. 524c i-PrNHPS(OC₆H₂BrCl₂-4,2,6)₂, d₃₀ 1.23; n 35/D 1.5103.^{524c} EtNHPS (OC₆HCl₄-2,3,4,6)₂, d₃₀ 1.22; n 35/D 1.5608.^{524c} EtNHPS(OC_6Cl_5)₂, d₃₀ 1.36; n 35/D 1.5536.^{524c} PhNHPS(OPh)₂, m.92°.^{39a} PhNHPS $(OC_6H_4Me-p)_2$ m. $106^{\circ 39a}$ Me₂NPS (OEt)₂, b₄₅ 107°. 511c Et₂NPS(OEt)₂, b₂₀ 110°; d₁₅ 1.0056.^{511c} $Et_2NPS(OPh)_2, m.58^{\circ}.^{39a}$ *i*-Am₂NPS(OMe)₂, b₁₃ 118–21°; d₁₅ 1.0024.^{511c} $Me_2NPS(OC_6H_4Cl-p)_2$, d_{24} 1.16; n 35/D 1.5583.^{511c} $Et_2NPS(OC_6H_4Cl-p)_2$, d_{28} 1.16; n 35/D 1.5458.^{524c} $Me_2NPS(OC_6H_2Cl_3-2,4,5)_2$, d_{31} 1.35; n 35/D 1.5737.524c Et₂NPS(OCH₂•)₂, b₃ 133-4.5°; d 20/0 1.1825; n 20/D 1.5050.25 $Me_2NPS(OEt)OC_6H_4NO_2-p$, m.133°.525 $Et_2NPS(OEt)OC_6H_4NO_2-p$, n 25/D 1.5368.⁵²⁵ $H_2NPS(OPh)_2$, m.115°, 39a 112°. 226 $H_2NPS(OC_6H_4Cl-p)_2$, m.96°.39a $H_2NPS(OC_6H_4Me-p)_2$, m.131°.39a (H₂N)₂PSOPh, m.119°.^{39a} (Et₂N)₂PSOEt, b.149-51°.511c (PhNH)₂PSOPh, m.126°.^{39a} (H₂NNH)₂PSOPh, m.95°.687 $(H_2NNH)_2PSOC_6H_4Me-p$, m.106.687 (EtNH)₃PS, m.68°.^{511c} (PrNH)₃PS, m.73°,^{511e} 74°.¹¹² (i-BuNH)₃PS, m.78.5°.511c i-BuNH (EtNH)₂PS, m.48.5°.^{511c} (PhNH)₃PS, m.154°.41, 112 $(o-MeC_6H_4NH)_3PS$, m.134.5°.614 $(p-MeC_6H_4NH)_3PS$, m.186°,41 185°.614 $(p-EtOC_6H_4NH)_3PS$, m.152.°41 $(p-ClC_6H_4NH)_3PS$, m.226°. 112 (PhCH₂NH)₃PS, m.126°.¹¹²

EtN:PSNHEt, m.169°.⁵¹² PrN:PSNHPr, m.152°.⁵¹² *i*-BuN:PSNHBu-*i*, m.150°.⁵¹²

Acid-Esters and Derivatives

Acid-Esters, (RO)₂PSSH

 $(MeO)_2PSSH$, $b_{4.5}$ 62-3°; d_{20} 1.2888; n 20/D 1.5343.393b

(EtO)₂PSSH, b₂ 80–2°,⁴⁹¹ b_{4.5} 85–90°,^{490c} b₅ 81.5–2.5°,^{393b} b₁₂ 97–8°; ^{393a} d 13/4 1.1753,⁴⁹¹ d₂₀ 1.1650,^{393a} 1.1654; ^{393b} n 13.7/D 1.5119,⁴⁹¹ n 20/D 1.5105,^{393a} 1.5076.^{393b}

 $(PrO)_{2}PSSH, \ b_{2} \ 81.5-2.5^{\circ},^{393b} \ 108^{\circ},^{491} \ b_{3} \ 85-6^{\circ};^{393a} \ d \ 13/4 \\ 1.1025,^{491} \ d_{20} \ 1.1040;^{393a} \ n \ 13.7/D \ 1.50176,^{491} \ n \ 20/D \ 1.4986,^{393b} \\ 1.4987.^{393a}$

(*i*-PrO)₂PSSH, b_{1.5} 82–5°,⁴⁹¹ b₃ 70.5–1.5°,^{393a} 71–2°; ^{393b} d 13/4 1.0920,⁴⁹¹ d₂₀ 1.0911,^{393b} 1.0913; ^{393a} n 13.7/D 1.49317,⁴⁹¹ n 20/D 1.4920,^{393a} 1.4918.^{393b}

 $[Me_2C(NO_2)CH_2O]_2PSSH$, m.103.8-4°.399

Melting Points of Some Salts

Salts of (RO)₂PSSH

Me Ni, m.113°, 492a 125°. 393b

Et Ni, m.105°; Co, m.140; Fe¹¹¹, m.129°; ^{492a} K, m.157°; Pb, m.74°, ⁵⁰² 76°. ^{393a}, ^{393b}, ^{393c}

i-Pr Pb, m.131°.393b

Bu Hg, m.62°,502 61°.393b

i-Bu Ni, m.63°.492a

Ph Ni, m.130.492a

Silver Salts of (RO)₂POSH

(MeO)₂ POSAg, m.144°.²²⁴ (PrO)₂POSAg, m.124°.^{565c} (EtO)₂POSAg, m.82°.^{565a, 565b} (*i*-BuO)₂POSAg, m.160°.^{565c}

Ester-Anhydrides and Ester-Sulfides

(EtO)₂PO·O·PS(OEt)₂, b₃ 147.5–8.5°; d 0/4 1.2065, d 20/4 1.1885; n 20/D 1.4508.²¹

 $(MeO)_2PS\cdot O\cdot PS(OMe)_2$, b_2 118–20°. 235

(EtO)₂PS·O·PS(OEt)₂, b_{0.2} 110–3°; d 25/4 1.189; n 25/D 1.4753.⁷⁰⁷

(PrO)₂PS·O·PS(OPr)₂, n 25/D 1.4713.⁷⁰⁷

(i-PrO)₂PS·O·PS (OPr-i)₂, d 25/4 1.093; n 25/D 1.4620.⁷⁰⁷

 $\begin{array}{l} (\mathrm{BuO})_2\mathrm{PS\cdotO\cdot\mathrm{PS}}(\mathrm{OBu})_2,\ d\ 25/4\ 1.068;\ n\ 25/\mathrm{D}\ 1.4690.^{707}\\ (\mathrm{EtO})_2\mathrm{PS\cdot\mathrm{S\cdot\mathrm{PS}}}(\mathrm{OEt})_2,\ b_2\ 88-90^{\circ}.^{491}\\ (\mathrm{MeO})_2\mathrm{PS\cdot\mathrm{S_2\cdot\mathrm{PS}}}(\mathrm{OMe})_2,\ m.52^{\circ}.^{393b}\\ (\mathrm{EtO})_2\mathrm{PS\cdot\mathrm{S_2\cdot\mathrm{PS}}}(\mathrm{OEt})_2\ b_2\ 170-2^{\circ}.^{491}\\ (i\mathrm{-PrO})_2\mathrm{PS\cdot\mathrm{S_2\cdot\mathrm{PS}}}(\mathrm{OPr-}i)_2,\ m.92^{\circ}.^{393b}\\ (\mathrm{EtO})_2\mathrm{PS\cdot\mathrm{S_3\cdot\mathrm{PS}}}(\mathrm{OEt})_2,\ m.72^{\circ}.^{491}\\ (\mathrm{EtO})_2\mathrm{PS\cdot\mathrm{S_3\cdot\mathrm{PS}}}(\mathrm{OEt})_2,\ m.43^{\circ}.^{491} \end{array}$

Alkyl Phosphorus Compounds

EtPSCl₂, b₅₀ 80–2°; d₂₀ 1.3606.³¹⁴ PrPSCl₂, b₅₀ 95–8°; d₂₀ 1.2854.³¹⁴ i-BuPSCl₂, b₅₀ 110–3°; d₂₀ 1.2515.³¹⁴ i-AmPSCl₂, b₅₀ 130–2°; d₂₀ 1.1771.³¹⁴ EtPO (OEt) SEt, b₄ 76–6.5°; d₂₀ 1.0709; n 20/D 1.4730.^{398c} EtPS (OEt)₂, b_{13.5} 82–3.5°; d₂₀ 1.0332; n 20/D 1.4563.^{398c} i-AmPS (OEt)₂, b. 250–5°; d₂₀ 0.9848.⁸¹⁴ PhCH₂PS (OEt)₂, b_{3.5} 124–5°; d₂₀ 1.1022; n 20/D 1.5303.^{893c} EtO₂CCH₂PS (OEt)₂, b₅ 105–6°; d₂₀ 1.1204; n 20/D 1.4621.^{393c} c-C₆H₉PS (OMe) SMe, b_{3.5} 133°; d 25/4 1.170.²³⁶

Tetrathio-Orthoesters

The compounds, E(SR)₄, in which E is an element of the fourth group, are esters rather than mercaptides.

Tetrathio-Orthocarbonates, $C(SR)_4$

These are not well known. The tetraethyl was supposed to have been prepared from carbon tetrachloride and sodium mercaptide, 430b but this was a mistake. This and others have been made from the isothioureas. Several have been recorded: 48

(MeS)₄C, b₁₂ 126-7°, m.65°; tetrabromide, (MeS)₂C (SBr₂Me)₂, decomposes at 122°.

(EtS)₄C, m.33.5°; tetrabromide, m.67.5°.

 $(i-PrS)_4C$, m.61.4°.

 $(C_6H_{11}S)_4C$, cyclohexyl, m.169°.

Several aromatic tetrathio-orthocarbonates have been obtained from nitrosoisothioureas.³¹

It has not been found possible to oxidise these tetrathio compounds to the tetrasulfones, ^{44a} but partial oxidation products, such as (MeS)₂C(SO₂Ph)₂ and MeS(PhS)C(SO₂Ph)₂, have been obtained indirectly. ^{44b}

TETRATHIO-ORTHOSILICATES, Si(SR)₄

From silicon tetrachloride and sodium mercaptides, a number of tetrathioesters of orthosilicic acid, Si(SR)₄, have been prepared: ^{46, 49a, 429b}

4 RSNa
$$+$$
 SiCl₄ \rightarrow (RS)₄Si $+$ 4 NaCl 3 t-BuSNa $+$ SiCl₄ \rightarrow (t-BuS)₃SiCl $+$ 3 NaCl (t-BuS)₃SiCl $+$ RSNa \rightarrow (t-BuS)₃SiSR $+$ NaCl

The properties of some of the compounds follow. X-ray analysis shows that (BuS)₃SiSCHMe₂ is isomorphous with (BuS)₄Si.⁴²⁸

Properties of Tetraalkyltetrathio-Orthosilicates

$(RS)_4S^{49a}$

Me, m.31°; b_{12} 144-6°; d 35/4 1.1888; n 35/D 1.5989. Et, m.-5.8°; b_{12} 169-71; d 25/4 1.0860, d 35/4 1.0785; n 25/D

1.5638, n 35/D 1.5591.

Pr, b₁₇ 204-6°; d 25/4 1.0328, d 35/4 1.0252; n 25/D 1.5431, n 35/D 1.5379.

i-Pr, m.33.5°; b₁₃ 176-8°; d 35/4 1.0099; n 35/D 1.5350.

Bu, b₄ 210°; d 25/4 0.9958; n 25/D 1.5292.

i-Bu, b₄ 183°; d 25/4 0.9886; n 25/D 1.5255.

s-Bu, b₄ 182°; d 25/4 1.0022; n 25/D 1.5354.

t-Bu, m.161°, $^{49a, 429b}$ tetragonal, sublimes 160–5° at 4 mm.

Am, b_4 230–1°.

Cetyl, m.51°.

Cyclohexyl, m.102.5°.

Ph, m.115°.

p-Tolyl, m.129°.

 $p-Me_3CC_6H_4--,m.186^{\circ}$.

$(t-BuS)_3SiSR$

Me, m.44°; ^{49a, 429b} b₄ 159–60°. ^{49a} Et, m.27°; ^{49a, 429b} b₄ 163–4°. ^{49a} Pr, m. 62.5°. ^{49a, 429b} i-Pr, m.105°; ^{49a, 429b} b₄ 161–3°. ^{49a}

Bu, b₁ 153.3-3.5°.46, 429b

i-Bu, m.77.5°; 46, 429b b₁ 146-8°.46

s-Bu, m.80°.429b

t-Am, m.114°.46, 429b

s-Pentyl, m.29°; b₂ 169–70°. 46 Cyclopentyl, m.105°. 46 . 429b

Cyclohexyl, m.65°.46, 429b

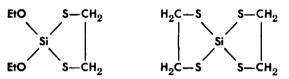
Halides

Si (ESMe₃)₃Cl, m.71°, ⁴⁶, ^{49a} 71.5°; b₄ 145–50°. ^{49a} Si (SMe)₃Br, b₁ 80–1°; d 25/4 1.4945; n 25/D 1.5658. ⁷⁴⁶ Si (SEt)₃Br, b_{2.5} 155–8°; d 25/4 1.3469; n 25/D 1.5650. ⁷⁴⁶ Si (SPr)₃Br, b_{1.5} 136–8°; d 25/4 1.2408; n 25/D 1.5418. ⁷⁴⁶ Si (SCHMe₂)₃Br, b_{2.5} 132–4°; d 25/4 1.2209; n 25/D 1.5410. ⁷⁴⁶ Si (SCH₂CHMe₂)₃Br, b₁ 143–4°; d 25/4 1.1789; n 25/D 1.5282. ⁷⁴⁶ Si (SCMe₃)₂Cl₂, b₁₃ 133.5–5.0°; n 16/D 1.522. ⁴⁶ Si (SEt)₂Br₂, b_{2.5} 115.0–5.5°; d 25/4 1.6493; n 25/D 1.5658. ⁷⁴⁶ Si (SCH₂CHMe₂)₂Br₂, b_{3.5} 76–9°; d 25/4 1.3527; n 25/D 1.497. ⁷⁴⁶ Si (SCMe₃) Cl₃, b.174–7°. ⁴⁶

Miscellaneous

(t-BuS)₂Si (SCHMe₂)₂, m.62.5°; b₂ 147–8°.46 t-BuSSi (SCHMe₂)₃, m.23.5°; b₃ 160–2°.46 i-Pr trithio-orthosilicate, m.56°; b₅ 183–6°.46 (t-BuS)₃SiOH, m.91°.49a [(t-BuS)₃Si]₂O, m.249°.49a (EtO)₃SiSH, b.164–7°.²⁵⁴

Cyclic esters have been prepared from ethanedithiol, 2,2-diethoxy silicodithiolane, b₁₉ 129°; d 20/4 1.1344; n 20/D 1.4956; and the spiro diethylene ester: ⁴⁵



Mixed oxygen-sulfur esters can be made from the ester-chlorides, ROSiCl₃, (RO)₂SiCl₂ and (RO)₃SiCl.⁵⁴³

Silicon tetrachloride and hydrogen sulfide react:

$$\operatorname{SiCl_4} + \operatorname{H_2S} \rightarrow \operatorname{Cl_3SiSH} + \operatorname{HCI}$$

With an alcohol, a trialkoxysilicon hydrosulfide is formed: 254

$$\text{Cl}_3 \text{SiSH} + 3 \text{ EtOH} \rightarrow (\text{EtO})_3 \text{SiSH} + 3 \text{ HCI}$$

What may be called trialkyltrithio-ortho-silicoformic esters, HSi(SR)₃, have been made from trichlorosilane and mercaptans in the presence of a base: ⁷⁴⁶

$$HSiCl_3 + 3 HSR \rightarrow HSi(SR)_3 + 3 HCI$$

With benzoyl chloride, one alkylmercapto group of trialkylmercaptosilane is exchanged for chlorine:

$${\sf HSi(SMe)}_3 + {\sf PhCOCl} \rightarrow {\sf HSi(SMe)}_2{\sf Cl} + {\sf PhCOSMe}$$

In bromination, either the hydrogen atom or an alkyl mercapto group or both are replaced by bromine. The products may be: (RS)₃SiBr, HSi(SR)₂Br and (RS)₂SiBr₂.⁷⁴⁶ Properties of some of (RS)₃SiBr, (RS)₂SiBr₂, and of HSi(SR)₂Br will follow.

Mono and dialkyl silicon derivatives have been made from the corresponding chlorides in the usual way. Dialkylsilicon dichlorides react with ethanedithiol to give 2,2-dialkylsilico-1,3-dithiolanes:

The products are claimed to be heat stable and useful in lubricants.⁵⁹⁹ A mixed compound such as Me₂Si(SPh)SAm, may be made. Trialkylsilicon derivatives, such as Pr₃SiSPh, are known.⁴⁵¹ Some of these compounds are listed in the following pages.

Silicon sulfide reacts like carbon disulfide in the formation of a xanthate: 182a

This product and the alkali salts of monoesters of di- or trithiometasilicic acid are claimed as flotation agents. 183b

Some Mixed Silicon Compounds

Trialkylmercapto Silanes

 $HSi(SMe)_3$, $b_{1.5}$ 66.5–9°, b_7 90–1°; d 25/4 1.1423; n 25/D 1.5761.⁷⁴⁶

 $HSi\,(SEt)_3$, b_1 87.5–8°, b_3 104–5°; d 25/4 1.0484; n 25/D 1.5440.748

 ${
m HSi\,(SPr)_3,\,b_1\,120-1^\circ,\,b_2\,135^\circ;\,d\,25/4\,0.9991;\,n\,25/D\,1.5278.^{746}}$ ${
m HSi\,(SCHMe_2)_3,\,b_{2.5}\,100^\circ,\,b_6\,130^\circ;\,d\,25/4\,0.9864;\,n\,25/D\,1.5221.^{746}}$

 $HSi(SBu)_3$, b_9 180–2°; d 25/4 0.9819; n 25/D 1.5160.⁷⁴⁶ $HSi(SCH_2CHMe_2)_3$, b_3 135–8°; d 25/4 0.9694; n 25/D 1.5160.⁷⁴⁶ $HSi(SCMe_3)_3$, m.48°; b_4 116–20°.⁷⁴⁶

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathrm{HSi}\,(\mathrm{SEt})_{2}\mathrm{Cl},\ b_{2.5}\ 63\text{--}4^{\circ};\ d\ 25\text{/4}\ 1.1218;\ n\ 25\text{/D}\ 1.5160.^{746}\\ \mathrm{HSi}\,(\mathrm{SBu})_{2}\mathrm{Cl},\ b_{6}\ 119^{\circ};\ d\ 25\text{/4}\ 1.0358;\ n\ 25\text{/D}\ 1.5030.^{746}\\ \mathrm{HSi}\,(\mathrm{SCMe_{3}})_{2}\mathrm{Cl},\ b_{4}\ 78\text{--}80^{\circ};\ d\ 25\text{/4}\ 1.0222;\ n\ 25\text{/D}\ 1.5040.^{746}\\ \mathrm{HSi}\,(\mathrm{SMe})_{2}\mathrm{Br},\ b_{8}\ 70\text{--}2^{\circ};\ d\ 25\text{/4}\ 1.4997;\ n\ 25\text{/D}\ 1.5660.^{746}\\ \mathrm{HSi}\,(\mathrm{SEt})_{2}\mathrm{Br},\ b_{3}\ 81\text{--}4^{\circ};\ d\ 25\text{/4}\ 1.3677;\ n\ 25\text{/D}\ 1.5408.^{746}\\ \mathrm{HSi}\,(\mathrm{SCHMe_{2}})_{2}\mathrm{Br},\ b_{2}\ 83\text{--}5^{\circ};\ d\ 25\text{/4}\ 1.2683;\ n\ 25\text{/D}\ 1.5195.^{746}\\ \mathrm{HSi}\,(\mathrm{SCH_{2}CHMe_{2}})_{2}\mathrm{Br},\ b_{3.5}\ 121\text{--}5^{\circ};\ d\ 25\text{/4}\ 1.2445;\ n\ 25\text{/D}\ 1.5159.^{746}\\ \end{array}$

Silicodithiolane



2,2-Dimethyl-, b₂ 54°; d 20/4 1.1077; n 20/D 1.5571.⁵⁹⁹ 2,2-Diethyl-, b₅ 78-80°; d 20/4 1.0524; n 20/D 1.5350.⁵⁹⁹

TETRATHIOSTANNATES, Sn(SR)4

Stannic mercaptides can be prepared by the action of tin and hydrochloric acid on alkyl disulfides; from stannous chloride, a mercaptan, and air, or from stannic chloride and a mercaptan. Sn(SC₆H₄NMe₂)₄ melts at 159°.⁷⁵⁰ Many have been synthesized by methods similar to those used for the tetrathio-orthosilicates.^{47, 430a, 430b} The properties of some of these are in Table 4.3. The allyl and isobutenyl derivatives are liquids which polymerize. From 2,2'-dimercaptoethyl ether, a spiro compound, m.124°, has been prepared:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \operatorname{CH_2CH_2S} & \operatorname{SCH_2CH_2} \\ \operatorname{O} & \operatorname{Sn} & \operatorname{O} \\ \operatorname{CH_2CH_2S} & \operatorname{SCH_2CH_2} \end{array}$$

TETRATHIOGERMANATES, Ge(SR)₄

From germanium tetrachloride, compounds of the general formula Ge(SR)₄ have been obtained.^{49b} Their properties are listed in Table 5.3. Tetratertiarybutylmercapto germanium is tetragonal and isomorphous with the corresponding silicon and tin compounds.^{429a}

Table 4.3				
Properties	of	$Tetrathio\hbox{-} or tho stannates,$	$Sn(SR)_4^{47}$	

R	m. °C.	b _{0.001} °C.	n 20/D
Me	31	81	
${f Et}$		105	1.6188
\mathbf{Pr}		123	1.5851
$i ext{-}\mathrm{Pr}$		9 2	1.5789
n-Bu		136	1.5539
$i ext{-Bu}$	_	126	1.5599
$s ext{-}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}$		111	1.5668
$t ext{-}\mathrm{Bu}$	188, ⁴⁷ 185.5–7 666b		
n-Am		162	1.5475
$t ext{-}\mathrm{Am}$	44		

Lauryl m.35.5°. Cetyl m.53.5°. Cyclohexyl m.54°. Phenyl m.67°.

Table 5.3

Properties of Tetrathio-orthogermanates, Ge(SR)₄ ^{49b}

R	b. °C.	Pressure mm.	d 25/4	n 25/D
${f Me}$	138-40	4	1.4364	1.6379
${f Et}$	165	5	1.2574	1.5886
\mathbf{Pr}	191–2	5	1.1662	1.5612
$i ext{-}\mathbf{Pr}$	162–4	4	1.1478	1.5535
$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}$	222-3	5	1.1072	1.5439
$i ext{-}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}$	199–200	5	1.0984	1.5381
$s ext{-Bu}$	200-1	5	1.1119	1.5497

t-Bu, m.172-3°.

t-Am, b 240–1°.49a

Cetyl, m.50-1°.49a

Cyclohexyl, m.84° and 88°.49a

 $O(CH_2CH_2S)_2Ge(SCH_2CH_2)_2O, m.159.5^{\circ}.$

Ph, m.101.5°.49a

p-Tolyl, m.111°.49a

 $p\text{-Me}_3\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-}, \text{ m.156}^\circ.^{49a}$

 $(t-BuS)_3GeCl, m.67^\circ; b_4 156-7^\circ.49a$

ALKYL THIOSULFATES

The alkyl thiosulfates have been studied extensively. The first objective was to get light on the constitution of thiosulfuric acid and its salts. It was soon found that alkyl thiosulfates are useful intermediates for the preparation of mercaptans and their derivatives. The reactions of various alkyl halides with metal thiosulfates, under different conditions, have been of considerable theoretical interest.

Bunte, for whom the salts are named, caused ethyl bromide to react with sodium thiosulfate in an effort to decide between the two possible structures of thiosulfuric acid, O₂S(ONa)SNa and OS₂(ONa)₂, assuming that sodium joined to sulfur would be replaced more rapidly. He obtained the ester-salt, EtS₂O₃Na, which, on hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid, gave ethyl mercaptan and enough sulfuric acid to account for half of the original sulfur. Whether this showed anything as to the constitution of the sodium thiosulfate is questionable, but the Bunte salts have been most useful.¹¹⁵ The fact that ethyl potassium thiosulfate was obtained from ethyl bromide and sodium potassium thiosulfate was taken as showing that this salt is KO·SO₂·SNa. Actually it proved that the potassium ester salt, EtKS₂O₃ is less soluble than the sodium, EtNaS₂O₃.⁶³⁸ Similar results were obtained with potassium ammonium thiosulfate.²⁴⁴

The methyl, propyl, and isobutyl thiosulfates were prepared, but chloroform, iodoform and carbon tetrachloride did not react as expected. Allyl, *i*-propyl, hydroxyethyl, and ethylene salts were obtained later. Ethyl chloroacetate and chloracetic acid gave the salts, EtO₂CCH₂S₂O₃Na and NaO₂CCH₂S₂O₃Na. Seo

Ethyl thiosulfuric acid, EtS·SO₃H, is said to have been made from ethyl sulfide and sulfuric acid. This statement was made in 1869 and needs verification. It is known that ethyl sulfide is quite soluble in sulfuric acid. Phenyl mercaptan unites with pyridinesulfur trioxide to give the pyridine salt of phenylthiosulfuric acid. Head, Head, Head, Amercaptan, iodine and sodium sulfite unite to form the thiosulfate. Formaldehyde unites with thiosulfuric acid to form a sort of hemiformal. This decomposes reversibly:

 $HOCH_2S \cdot SO_3H \rightleftharpoons CH_2S + H_2SO_4$

This reaction is monomolecular. The thioformaldehyde is precipitated as the trimer.⁶²⁵

An alkyl disulfide reacts with sodium sulfite to produce a thiosulfate: 629

According to a later study, it is better to use the bisulfite as the sulfite is too alkaline. Some Bunte salts not otherwise available can be made in this way. The reaction is more complicated than as written. Some alkali thiosulfate is also formed.⁴⁵⁵ In the case of aminoaryl disulfides, and with these only, sulfur dioxide may be substituted for the salt.^{144, 482}

Many studies have been made on the rates of formation of alkyl thiosulfates. Methyl iodide, bromide and chloride, ethyl iodide and bromide, and ethylene iodide, bromide-iodide, bromide, chloride-bromide and chloride-iodide have been compared as to their reaction rates.211, 648 The data are in agreement with theory. 518a The velocity with methyl bromide is seventeen times as great as calculated from the collision theory in its simplest form. 518b The energies of activation increase in inverse order to the heats of the reactions with various alkyl halides.⁵³⁹ The reaction with sodium chloracetate is bimolecular,441 so is that with dichloroethyl ether. 62 The velocity of the reaction between the bromoacetate ion and sodium thiosulfate has been measured from 30 to 90°.397a, 398 The effect of concentration has been determined. 446a The α - and β -bromopropionates have been compared.448a Bromomalonic and bromosuccinic acids have been studied also. 67, 68, 478 There have been extensive investigations on the effects of neutral salts,72, 73, 425, 446b, 447, 448b of nonelectrolytes 217, 240, 396, 397b 423, 685 and of changing the reaction medium. 424, 620 Bunte salts, H2NCH2CH2SSO3Na, 81, 89 HN- $(\mathrm{CH_2CH_2SSO_3Na})_2,^{81} \mathrm{Et_2NCH_2CH_2SSO_3Na}, \ \mathrm{MeNHCH_2CHPh-}$ SSO₃Na, Me₂NCH₂CH₂SSO₃Na, MeNHCHMeCHPhSSO₃Na, and many other similar salts have been prepared from β-haloethylamines.89 Thallium thiosulfate has been recommended for the preparation of such salts.455

Bunte salts are readily prepared from alkyl halides or sulfates and sodium thiosulfate. This salt, Na₂S₂O₃·5H₂O, m. wt. 248, is soluble in about half of its own weight of water at 50°. The alkyl halides, except the lower ones and those that have solubilizing

groups in them, are only slightly soluble in water and still less so when a large amount of an inorganic salt is present. Usually the thiosulfate is dissolved in 2 or 3 parts of water and the alkyl halide, in more or less alcohol, is added dropwise with stirring and heating under reflux. The completion of the reaction may be judged by the disappearance of the alkyl halide or by the absence of a precipitate of sulfur when a mineral acid is added to a test portion of the solution. On account of the instability to heat of sodium thiosulfate and its derivatives, too high a temperature and too long a time of heating are to be avoided. The less soluble Bunte salts separate out on cooling and may be recrystallized from methanol or ethanol. The more soluble ones may be recovered by evaporating the reaction mixture to dryness and extracting the residue with boiling alcohol. 551c Ethyl bromide and thiosulfate solution, shaken together at 35°, give an almost theoretical yield of the salt.⁵⁵² Ethylene bromide and a saturated aqueous solution of sodium thiosulfate, stirred together for 10 days at 40°, give a good yield of the desired salt.489 Secondary and tertiary alkyl bromides give poorer yields on account of the formation of olefins.²⁷⁴ Commonly the Bunte salts are prepared as intermediates and used for further reactions in the solutions in which they are formed. In such cases, their isolation is unnecessary.

The methyl Bunte salt crystallizes from water with one half of a molecule of water of crystallization. This is true also of the ethyl, amyl, and hexyl. The ethylene, hexamethylene, and decamethylene have two molecules of water and the pentamethylene, three. The crystal structure 244 and diamagnetic susceptibility 149a have been studied.

Reactions of Alkyl Thiosulfates

Thiosulfuric acid decomposes in three ways: 317a

When a dilute solution of sodium thiosulfate is added slowly to boiling hydrochloric acid, 91% goes to hydrogen sulfide and sulfuric acid.²⁴⁵ Ethyl thiosulfate is unlike sodium thiosulfate in that it does not decolorize cupric salts and does not dissolve silver

chloride,^{317a} but its hydrolysis follows the same pattern. As the sulfur-carbon bond is not easily broken, EtSH will take the place of HSH and EtS-, which doubles up to EtS·SEt, will be found instead of S. Hydrolysis in the presence of acid is usually written: ^{115, 580}

$$RS \cdot SO_3Na + H_2O \rightarrow RSH + HOSO_3Na$$

Another view is: 64a, 261a, 317b, 317c, 612a

The existence of EtSOH, the assumed intermediate, has been questioned, 573b. 574a. 574b but tangible evidence of its presence has been brought forward. A good yield of mercaptan may be obtained by acid hydrolysis. 43c, 346a, 442, 573b, 574a, 574b, 580 The presence of a reducing agent aids its formation. The alkaline hydrolysis of benzyl sodium thiosulfate gives several products, among which are benzyl disulfide, sodium thiobenzoate and benzoate. 262, 573b, 574b, 574c The addition of sodium carbonate, or hydroxide, to a nitrobenzyl thiosulfate causes the separation of the disulfide. 573c

At 100° an alkyl thiosulfate decomposes into the disulfide and sodium dithionate: 115, 551c, 552, 689

$$2 \text{ RS} \cdot \text{SO}_3 \text{Na} \rightarrow \text{RS} \cdot \text{SR} + \text{Na}_2 \text{S}_2 \text{O}_3$$

When heated for some time, methyl sodium thiosulfate goes to pieces and methyl sulfide, methyl disulfide and sulfur dioxide are given off. At 200° methyl sulfone, Me₂SO₂, sublimes.⁷⁸

Dry distillation gives disulfide, sulfur dioxide, and sodium sulfate: 78, 580

$$2 RS \cdot SO_3 Na \rightarrow RS \cdot SR + SO_9 + Na_9 SO_4$$

Benzoyl chloride and sodium thiosulfate, heated together in water-alcohol solution, gives a 58% yield of benzoyl disulfide (PhCOS)₂.^{730c}

Electrolysis with a diaphragm gives the disulfide at the cathode: ^{573a}

$$2 \text{ RS} \cdot \text{SO}_3$$
 + $2 \text{ H} \rightarrow \text{ RS} \cdot \text{SR} + 2 \text{ HSO}_3$

The mercaptan from an alkyl sodium thiosulfate can be converted directly into derivatives without isolation. An aldehyde, 289a, 683, 730a or a ketone, 54, 231b, 683 may react with the nascent mercaptan. A mercury mercaptide is obtained when ethyl sodium thiosulfate is treated with mercuric cyanide. The reaction with a sodium mercaptide gives a disulfide and that with sodium cyanide, a thiocyanate: 246

$$RS \cdot SO_3Na + NaSR' \rightarrow RS \cdot SR' + Na_2SO_3$$

 $RS \cdot SO_3Na + NaCN \rightarrow RSCN + Na_2SO_3$

The addition of an alcohol solution of potassium sulfide to a like solution of ethyl sodium thiosulfate causes the separation of alkali sulfite. The solution turns yellow which is believed to be due to EtSSK. On heating, sulfur is deposited. The reactions seem to be: 318a

EtS·SO
$$_3$$
Na + K_2 S \rightarrow EtSSNa + K_2 SO $_3$ EtSSNa \rightarrow EtSNa + S

Ethylene sodium thiosulfate and sodium tetrasulfide give a polymeric ethylene tetrasulfide.^{371b}

Reduction with sodium results in mercaptan and sodium sulfite: 668

$$\text{EtS*SO}_{3}\text{Na} \hspace{0.2cm} + \hspace{0.2cm} \text{Na} \hspace{0.2cm} + \hspace{0.2cm} \text{H} \hspace{0.2cm} \rightarrow \hspace{0.2cm} \text{EtSH} \hspace{0.2cm} + \hspace{0.2cm} \text{Na}_{2}\text{SO}_{3}$$

2-Mercaptohydroquinone has been made by reducing the corresponding thiosulfate with zinc and hydrochloric acid.⁶

Oxidation with iodine,^{573d, 683, 730b} or hydrogen peroxide,^{683, 715, 730b} converts an alkyl thiosulfate to the disulfide. Stronger oxidation takes it to the sulfonic acid salt.^{342c} If this is done with chlorine in water the product may be the sulfone chloride or the sulfonate, according to conditions.^{192, 195}

An alkyl thiosulfate reacts with phosphorus pentachloride to give an unstable chloride: 551c, 668

The silver salt with phosphorus trichloride goes to the alkyl disulfide and phosphorus oxychloride.⁵⁸⁴

It has been proposed to use the thiosulfate group as the watersoluble end in wetting, cleansing and dispersing agents. Sodium thiosulfate may be caused to react with a decyl or dodecyl halide, with β -chloroethyl stearate, $C_{17}H_{35}CO_2CH_2CH_2Cl,^{342b.~343}$ with a long-chain ester, $^{342a.~344.~422}$ with an alpha-halogenated ether, such as $C_{12}H_{25}OCH_2Cl$ ¹⁸⁵ or $C_{16}H_{33}OCH_2Cl,^{665}$ or with other similar halides to give useful products. ^{185, 342d, 624, 665} The benzyl ^{346b} and ethyl ⁵³³ derivatives are said to be valuable in flotation.

Esters of Thiosulfonic Acids

A sulfonic and a thiosulfonic acid are formally related to each other as acetic and thiolacetic.

MeCO•OH	MeCO+SH
Acetic	Thioacetic
RSO ₂ •OH	RSO ₂ •SH
Sulfonic	Thiolsulfonic

The thiolsulfonic acids are not as well known as are their esters. The chief interest in these is in their isomerism with the disulfoxides:

RSO ₂ ·SR	RSO·SOR
Thiolsulfonic ester	Disulfoxides

For quite a while there was uncertainty as to which of the two structures should be assigned to them. There is in any case only one compound. The aromatic compounds of this class have been investigated more thoroughly than the aliphatic. Esters, RSO₂SR', in which the two radicals are different are known but are not so common as those in which both are the same.

The oxidation of ethyl disulfide by dilute nitric acid ^{438, 477, 479, 488, 556a, 556a} or by peracetic acid in ethyl acetate at 0° ^{649b} gives what might be supposed to be the disulfoxide, EtSO·SOEt.

The oxidation of ethyl sulfide under comparable conditions gives ethyl sulfoxide, Et₂SO. Sulfoxides are comparatively unstable and are readily oxidised or reduced. This is true of sulfur dioxide and of quadrivalent sulfur compounds in general. If it is assumed that the first oxidation product is the mono-sulfoxide the second oxygen atom might go either to the -SO- group or to the -S- atom:

RSO·SR + O
$$\rightarrow$$
 RSO₂·SR or RSO·SOR

Or there might be disproportionation:

RSO·SOR
$$\rightarrow$$
 RSO₂·SR

It is, of course, possible that this reaction may be reversible.

Ethane sulfonyl chloride and a metal sulfide may give various products according to conditions. A metal salt of an alkanethio-sulfonic acid can be made from the sulfone chloride and a metal hydrosulfide: ⁵³

$$\label{eq:rso_2ci} {\rm Rso_2ci} \ + \ \ {\rm Msh} \ \rightarrow \ \ {\rm Rso_2sm} \ + \ \ {\rm Hci}$$

The ester, EtSO₂SEt, may be formed.^{649b} As the metal sulfide is a reducing agent, the ester may be regarded as an intermediate in the reduction of the sulfone chloride to the mercaptan. When the metal sulfide is added to the chloride, sulfur separates and then dissolves:

Alkylation with ethyl bromide gives the ester, EtSO₂SEt, b_{0.2} 56°; n 25/D 1.4972,^{649b} which is identical with the above oxidation product.^{547c}, ^{649b}, ⁶⁶⁸ This is a general reaction.⁷⁵

Benzene and toluene thiosulfonic acids have been alkylated similarly.^{547b, 549, 551a, 551b} Toluene sulfone chloride reacts with a mercaptan in alkaline solution to give the ester.^{293, 391} This may react with a second molecule of the mercaptide: ²⁹³

Benzenesulfone iodide and a silver mercaptide, AgSR, give much better yields of the esters.²⁹¹

A silver sulfinate and a sulfene chloride give the ester: 260a, 457, 759

The unsymmetrical structure seems to be proved by the fact that two distinctly different but isomeric products are obtained when the -SO₂Ag and ClS- groups are interchanged: ^{291, 517}

2-Thienyl "disulfoxide" is formed from 2-thiophenesulfinic acid and hydriodic acid.¹⁷⁰ Benzenesulfinic acid is similarly reduced by hydrogen sulfide.^{547a} By a sort of disproportionation, three molecules of a sulfinic acid give one of the ester and one of the sulfonic acid:

This takes place when the sulfinic acid is heated in water solution.^{263a, 547a, 548, 551a, 551b, 556a, 556b} It goes on slowly at room temperature in a vessel protected from the air.^{556c}

In concentrated hydrochloric acid β -naphthalenesulfinic acid goes to the thiolsulfonate, $C_{10}H_7SO_2SC_{10}H_7$.⁴⁴⁵ An aryl sulfinic acid and benzoyl chloride give the "disulfoxide" and benzoic acid.^{361a} Camphor- β -sulfinic acid is readily converted to the "dicamphoryl- β - α -disulfoxide," m.212°; [α] 20/D -93.04.³⁴⁸

A disulfide takes up four atoms of bromine or four atoms of iodine. Hydrolysis of either of these gives the disulfoxide. Treatment of this with hydrobromic or hydriodic acid regenerates the tetrahalides.^{261b}, ^{261c} It is somewhat simpler to assume the disulfoxide structure in writing these reactions, but it must be remembered that sulfur to sulfur and sulfur to halogen bonds are labile. The chlorination of benzyl mercaptan gives some of the thiolsulfonate along with the disulfide and sulfone chloride.¹⁹⁵

The facts that dibenzyl "disulfoxide," boiled with alcoholic potash, gives the disulfide and that dinaphthyl "disulfoxide" is reduced to the disulfide by sodium bisulfite have been considered as favoring the symmetrical formula, RSO·SOR.^{350b, 350c} The above remarks apply here also. A study of the reactions of methyl-camphor-10-thiolsulfonate with a number of sodium sulfinates has given evidence of the correctness of the unsymmetrical structure.²⁹⁰ A synthesis which points to the unsymmetrical structure is that from diphenyldiazomethane, sulfur dioxide and a mercaptan: ⁴³⁴

$$\label{eq:ph2cn2} \mathsf{Ph}_2\mathsf{CN}_2 \quad + \quad \mathsf{SO}_2 \quad + \quad \mathsf{RSH} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathsf{Ph}_2\mathsf{CHSO}_2\mathsf{SR}$$

The infrared spectra of "disulfoxides" confirm the unsymmetrical structure.¹⁷¹ In x-ray studies, they have been compared with $(ArSO_2)_2$, $(ArSO_2)_2S$, $(ArSO_2)_2S_2$ and $(ArSO_2)_2S_3$.¹⁷⁵

The "disulfoxide" from the oxidation of cystine has received considerable attention. 704, 708

The reaction of methanesulfonyl chloride with p-methoxy-phenyltellurium chloride gives MeSO₂STeC₆H₄OMe.^{249e} Treating sodium methanethiosulfonate with sulfur dichloride gives a compound having five sulfur atoms in a row, two of them oxidised:

Analogous compounds having selenium and tellurium as central atoms, (MeSO₂S)₂Se and (MeSO₂S)₂Te, have been made.^{249d}

The crystal structures of these have been determined. They are isomorphous, each having four molecules in the unit cell.²⁵⁰

At 150° benzyl "disulfoxide" decomposes into benzyl sulfide and disulfide, benzaldehyde, benzyl acetate, and methyl phenylthioacetate. 663

Alkaline hydrolysis gives sulfinic and sulfonic acids and disulfide: 350b, 547c, 549, 550, 551a, 551b, 556b, 556d

2
$$\text{Et}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_2$$
 + H_2O \rightarrow Et_2S_2 + $\text{Et}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ + $\text{Et}\text{SO}_2\text{H}$ 2 $\text{Ph}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_2$ + H_2O \rightarrow Ph_2S_2 + $\text{Ph}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ + $\text{Ph}\text{SO}_2\text{H}$

Potassium sulfide splits the ester: 549, 551a, 551b

$$PhSO_{2}SR + KSK \rightarrow PhSO_{2}SK + KSR$$

Reduction splits the ester into sulfinic acid and mercaptan: 317d, 517, 547b, 547c, 548, 556b, 556d

$${
m RSO}_2{
m SR}'$$
 + 2 H $ightarrow$ ${
m RSO}_2{
m H}$ + ${
m HSR}'$

Further reduction converts the sulfinic acid to a mercaptan.^{547a}, ^{547b}, ⁵⁴⁹, ^{551a}, ^{551b} Lithium aluminum hydride gives the disulfide and mercaptan.⁶⁸⁴ Sodium bisulfite reduces to the disulfide.^{350c}

Hydroxylamine reacts with the *p*-tolyl "disulfoxide" in different ways according to conditions. *p*-Toluenesulfonamide may be formed. Phenylhydrazine displaces the mercaptan: ^{361b}

$$\mathsf{MeC}_6\mathsf{H}_4\mathsf{SO}_2\mathsf{SC}_6\mathsf{H}_4\mathsf{Me} \ + \ \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{NNHPh} \ \to \ \mathsf{MeC}_6\mathsf{H}_4\mathsf{SO}_2\mathsf{NHNHPh} \ + \ \mathsf{HSC}_6\mathsf{H}_4\mathsf{Me}$$

Chlorination converts a thiosulfonic ester to the sulfone chloride, RSO₂Cl.^{195, 550} Aryl esters, ArSO₂·SAr, both phenyl and tolyl, have been brominated. There seems to have been only addition.^{547a, 548, 550} Oxidation leads to the sulfonic acid.^{556a, 556c}

The reaction with hydrobromic acid gives a sulfenyl bromide, ArSBr.^{260a}

A thiosulfonic ester and a mercaptide give a sulfinic salt and a disulfide: 293, 549, 556a, 556b, 556c, 650

$$ArSO_{9}SR + NaSR' \rightarrow ArSO_{9}Na + RS\cdot SR'$$

Writing the thiosulfonic ester backward, RS·SO₂Ar, makes it look like a sulfene halide, RSX, and brings this reaction in line with those of the sulfene halides. This is a satisfactory way to prepare unsymmetrical aryl disulfides. The reaction with a Grignard reagent is somewhat similar:

$$PhSO_2SPh + MeMgI \rightarrow PhSO_2MgI + PhSMe$$

Some disulfide is a by-product.⁵¹⁷

The –SR' group of a thiolsulfonic ester can be substituted for an active hydrogen. Thus with malonic ester, the product is R'SCH(CO₂Et)₂.^{108, 289b} The MeS– and PhS– groups have been introduced into dibenzenesulfonylmethane in this way, giving MeSCH(SO₂Ph)₂, (MeS)₂C(SO₂Ph)₂, PhSCH(SO₂Ph)₂ and PhS-(MeS)C(SO₂Ph)₂.^{44b} 10,10-bis-Methylmercaptothiaxanthene-5,5-dioxide has been prepared similarly.⁴³³ With ketosulfones, RSO₂CH₂COMe, there is a similar substitution and there may be also an exchange of the RSO₂– group of the thiosulfonic ester and that of the ketosulfone.¹⁶⁰

Methyl methanethiosulfonate and similar esters are claimed as selective solvents for extracting polycyclic hydrocarbons from petroleum fractions.⁷⁴⁵

Several selenium analogs, $o\text{-NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{SeSO}_2\text{R}$, have been prepared. The melting points are: R = phenyl, 109°; p-tolyl, 118°; o-tolyl, 95°; and p-bromophenyl, 126°. 249a

By causing o-nitrobenzenesulfenyl bromide to react with a salt of an alkanethiosulfonic acid, compounds having an additional sulfur atom are obtained:

This melts at 98° and the ethane derivative at 91°.249b Similarly, from the selenenyl bromide, o-NO₂C₆H₄SeBr, the ester, MeSO₂-SSeC₆H₄NO₂-o, m.96°, has been prepared.^{249a}

The diamagnetic susceptibilities of the ethyl and p-tolyl p-tolylthiolsulfonates are 114.9 and 156.7.149b

THIOSULFINIC ESTERS

RSO·SR'

Allicin, of which 6 g. has been obtained from 4 kg. of garlic cloves, ¹³² has been found to have the structure H₂C:CHCH₂SO-SCH₂CH:CH₂. ¹³³ The fact that this shows antibacterial action led to the preparation of other compounds of this class. These are conveniently prepared by the oxidation of alkyl disulfides by means of peracids. The oxidation goes readily when the alkyls are primary, poorly when they are secondary, and not at all when they are tertiary. The formula, t-BuS·SOEt, has been assigned to the oxidation product from the ethyl t-butyl disulfide. ^{184, 649a, 677} The benzyl ester has been prepared from benzyl disulfide and per-

benzoic acid. It is reduced back to the disulfide by sodium sulfite. When the reduction is by cysteine, the product may be a mixed disulfide.⁹⁰

The alkyl thiolsulfinates are mobile liquids, soluble in organic solvents. They are fairly stable at room temperature and can be distilled at low pressures. The properties of some of them are in Table 6.3. The derivative from the oxidation of allyl disulfide was found to be identical with the compound from garlic.

Table 6.3

Properties of Some Aliphatic Thiosulfinic Esters 649a

Formula	b. °С.	Pressure	d 20/4	n 25/D	Solubility in water
MeSO·SMe	64	0.5	1.222	1.5481	∞
EtSO-SEt	67	0.5	1.104	1.5244	11
PrSO•SPr	25–35	0.01	1.041	1.5098	2
i-PrSO-SPr-i	25-30	0.1	1.057	1.5090	2.5
$t ext{-BuSO} ext{-SEt}$	25–35	0.1	1.043	1.5092	3
C ₃ H ₅ SO·SC ₃ H ₅	_	-	1.109	1.5600	2.5
BuSO•SBu	20-30	0.00001	0.992	1.5041	0.1
AmSO·SAm	45	0.00001	0.988	1.4990	0.015

THIOSULFITE ESTERS

ROS-SOR

As $H_2S_2O_3$ is thiosulfuric acid, $H_2S_2O_2$ should be thiosulfurous. It has been so designated though the name does not fit the constitution. Only recently has the free acid been prepared by saponification of one of its esters under special conditions.⁶⁷²

The esters were discovered back in 1895 ⁴⁶⁴ and appear to have been forgotten for 40 years. They are not mercaptan derivatives but are mentioned here briefly since they are isomeric with thiosulfonic esters, RSO₂·SR, and bear a formal relationship to the sulfenic esters RS·OR.

These esters are prepared by the reaction of sulfur monochloride on sodium alcoholates, free from the alcohols, suspended in well cooled petroleum ether. The methyl ester, $Me_2O_2S_2$, boils at 34.2 to 34.7° at 17 mm. and the ethyl, at 62.0 to 62.7° at 15 to 16 mm. They are stable in contact with water or air. Concentrated acids cause the separation of sulfur. Sodium ethyl-

ate, in absolute alcohol, abstracts sulfur from the ethyl ester, $S_2O_2Et_2$, leaving $S(OEt)_2$, b_{17} 24°, which is oxidised by molecular oxygen to ethyl sulfite, $OS(OEt)_2$.^{510a} Potassium hydroxide, in methanol, causes the separation of sulfur and the formation of potassium thiosulfate.^{509b} The methyl ester is decomposed by dilute hydrochloric acid, yielding sulfur, pentathionic, sulfurous, and thiosulfuric acids.^{673b} Methyl and ethyl thiosulfites are decomposed when refluxed at atmospheric pressure. Hydrogen sulfide and sulfur are produced by both; the other products are methyl formate from the methyl ester and ethyl acetate from the other.^{509b}

Alkoxy determinations show the presence of -OR groups in these esters. The parachors of several have been measured and are given in Table 7.3 along with the densities and surface tensions. 673a

Table 7.3

Thiosulfite Esters, ROSSOR

Alkyl	d 25/4	Surface tension	Parachor
Dimethyl	1.1841	32.45	254.3
Diethyl	1.0815	2 9.53	332.4
Dipropyl	1.0361	2 9.16	408. 7
Dibutyl	1.0031	28.82	485.6

The results indicate the absence of homopolar bonds, but do not decide between the structures, RO·S·S·OR and S:S(OR)₂.^{673a} Raman spectra ^{300, 622} and dipole moments ⁶²² of the methyl and ethyl esters favor the structure, RO·S·S·OR. The diamagnetic moments for the methyl and ethyl esters are 62.26 and 86.22.^{149a, 149b}

A silver salt of an organic acid and sulfur chloride react:

2 RCOOAg +
$$Cl_2S_2 \rightarrow RCO \cdot O \cdot S_2 \cdot O \cdot COR + 2 AgCl$$

The product may be considered a mixed anhydride of the organic acid and $S_2(OH)_2$ of which S_2Cl_2 is the chloride. Compounds of this sort have been obtained from silver acetate, butyrate, *i*-buty-

rate, *i*-valerate, and palmitate. They are viscous unstable compounds. They decompose:

$$2 (RCO \cdot O)_2 S_2 \rightarrow 2 (RCO)_2 O + SO_2 + 3 S^{180}$$

The amine sulfides, $(R_2N)_2S_2$, are amides of the acid, $(HO)_2S_2$. They are discussed in the chapter on substituted sulfides.

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Substituted Mercaptans

Theoretically, at least, the alkyl or aryl group of a mercaptan may carry any sort of substituent. However, only a few of these are important. There may be two or more substituents, of the same or of different kinds. The hydroxymercaptans are the best known. Halogenated mercaptans are known, but are not easy to prepare or to keep.

The substituent groups that are here considered are the hydroxyl, HO-, alkoxyl, RO-, or aroxyl, ArO-, alkylmercapto, RS-, or arylmercapto, ArS-, amino or substituted amino, NH₂-, NHR-, NHAr, NR₂ or NAr₂, and the carbonyl, -CO-. Hydroxymercaptans and chloro-mercaptans are so closely associated in preparations that they will be considered together.

Hydroxymercaptans

In general, these can be prepared by the usual methods and show the characteristic reactions of mercaptans. In some cases special methods are available. Their physical properties are a cross between those of alcohols and mercaptans.

HYDROXYMETHYL-MERCAPTAN AND DERIVATIVES

The simplest possible member of the group, hydroxymethyl mercaptan, HOCH₂SH, has not been isolated, but is believed to 376

be produced when formaldehyde sulfoxylate is reduced by hypophosphorus acid.⁴³ The thioacetate, AcSCH₂OH, has been reported.⁵⁰

The methyl ether has been prepared: 251

$$\mathsf{CH_3OCH_2CI} \ + \ \mathsf{KSH} \ \rightarrow \ \mathsf{CH_3OCH_2SH} \ + \ \mathsf{KCI}$$

It is far more stable than the corresponding alcohol, CH₃-OCH₂OH. It forms mercaptides and can be acetylated in pyridine.

The monothioformals are the dialkyl derivatives of hydroxymethyl mercaptan. They can be made in two ways:

EtONa + CICH
$$_2$$
SEt \rightarrow EtOCH $_2$ SEt + NaCl 49 EtSNa + CICH $_2$ OEt \rightarrow EtOCH $_2$ SEt + NaCl 482

These will be taken up under mercaptals in Chapter 13.

α-Hydroxymercaptan, or α-mercaptoethanol, MeCH (OH)SH, is not known, but its ethers are made by the addition of hydrogen sulfide, in the presence of sulfur dioxide, to vinyl ethers:

These being hemiacetals are not very stable, but their acetates and benzoates, MeCH (OR)SAc and MeCH (OR)SBz, are stable.^{345, 409}

Trifluoromethyl mercaptan, F₃CSH, has been obtained by treating the mercaptide, (F₃CS)₂Hg, with hydrochloric acid. The sulfide, (F₃C)₂S, and trifluoromethane are among the products of its decomposition by ultraviolet light. Chlorine converts it to the disulfide, (F₃CS)₂. The mercaptan is hydrolyzed slowly in water and rapidly in alkaline solution.¹⁹⁸

Trichloromethyl mercaptan, Cl₃CSH, has been prepared indirectly, from perchloromercaptan, Cl₃CSCl, which has been considered in Chapter 3.94

HYDROXYETHYL-MERCAPTAN

Monothioethylene glycol, β-mercaptoethanol, or β-hydroxyethyl mercaptan, HOCH₂CH₂SH, is the best known hydroxymercaptan. It was first made from ethylene chlorohydrin and sodium sulfhydrate.^{34a, 34b, 37, 71b, 303, 371} It may be obtained by the reduction of the disulfide, (HOCH₂CH₂S)₂ from chlorhydrin and sodium disulfide.^{147, 827a, 332} It and its homolog, 3-mercaptopropanol, have been prepared by the thiourea method.³¹⁹

The preferred method for making β -hydroxy-mercaptan is the reaction of ethylene oxide with hydrogen sulfide:

A second molecule of ethylene oxide reacts with mercaptoethanol to give thiodiglycol, S(CH₂CH₂OH)₂. As the sulfhydryl group is more reactive than the hydroxyl, the hydrogen sulfide must be kept in excess. The reaction of ethylene oxide is said to be facilitated by the presence of water or the lower alcohols and by catalysts, such as porous clay and alumina.^{82, 83, 309, 492c} The yield of mercaptoethanol is practically quantitative when ethylene oxide and hydrogen sulfide are passed over iron or aluminum sulfide ⁴⁶⁷ or alumina ²⁹¹ at 300 to 400°. Hydrogen sulfide and ethylene oxide are introduced separately into alcohol containing some sodium ethylate, kept at 50 to 60°. The gross yield is high, 60% of it being mercaptoethanol and the rest thiodiglycol.^{492a} The yield of monothioglycol is said to be 71% when ethylene oxide and two equivalents of hydrogen sulfide are led into thiodiglycol at 30 to 35°.¹⁸⁹

Mercaptoethanol may be formed also by the reaction of ethylene sulfide with water: 312a

$$(CH_2)_2S + H_2O \rightarrow HOCH_2CH_2SH$$

2-Hydroxymercaptan, or 2-mercaptoethanol, has two sets of reactions which are more or less independent of each other. As a mercaptan it forms mercaptides. The acid strength has been compared with that of thiophenol.³⁷² The sodium and potassium mercaptides are deliquescent solids. Those of the heavy metals are much like the corresponding compounds with other mercaptans. Some of those known are the mercuric, m. 123°, HOCH₂-CH₂SHgCl, m. 135–40°, lead, m. 110°, cadmium, m. 139°, aurous, platinous, cuprous, nickel, bismuth, m. 79°, and antimony, m. 131°.^{34b}

The alkali mercaptides react with alkyl halides in the usual way:

$$\mbox{HOCH}_2\mbox{CH}_2\mbox{SNa} \quad + \quad \mbox{RBr} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mbox{HOCH}_2\mbox{CH}_2\mbox{SR} \quad + \quad \mbox{NaBr}$$

The rate of reaction with iodoacetamide has been compared with those of other mercaptides.⁴¹⁸

Mercaptoethanol forms either oxygen or sulfur esters according to conditions. In acid catalyzed esterification the oxygen ester is favored. With one equivalent of alkali and an acid chloride or anhydride the sulfur ester is formed. Polymeric esters with dibasic acids are claimed.³²⁸ The thioacetate, AcSCH₂-CH₂OH, may undergo self-alcoholysis to the acetate, HSCH₂-CH₂OAc. In dilute alkali, this acetate loses acetic acid to give ethylene sulfide.^{299d} The diacetate is pyrolyzed to vinyl thiolacetate: ¹⁴⁸

With aldehydes, mercaptals are formed in preference to acetals. Benzaldehyde gives the mercaptal, PhCH (SCH₂CH₂OH)₂.¹⁴⁷ The formal, CH₂(SCH₂CH₂OH)₂, is obtained directly from hydroxyethyl thiosulfate.⁴⁸⁴ Spiro compounds are obtained from its reactions with α,α' -dichloroketones and with chloracetyl chloride.¹⁴

Heated with an acid, self-condensation of mercaptoethanol takes place with the elimination of water:

$$HOCH_2CH_2SH + HOCH_2CH_2SH \rightarrow HOCH_2CH_2SCH_2CH_2SH + H_2O$$

As the new molecule has the same end groups, this process can continue indefinitely. White solids are obtained. One of these melted at 177 to 180° and had an average molecular weight of 1720 which would correspond to the condensation of twenty-eight molecules of mercaptoethanol with the elimination of twenty-seven molecules of water. The product is a linear polymer and the average molecule would be:

$$\mathsf{HOCH}_2\mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{S}(\mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{S})_{26} \ \mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{SH}$$

The character of the polymer depends on the conditions of heating.³⁵³ Dehydration of mercaptoethanol with zinc chloride gives dithiane: ^{34b}

$$2 \text{ HSCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{S(CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{S} + 2 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$$

It is oxidised by air slowly in phosphate-buffered solutions. It is a reducing agent for disulfide linkages in proteins.³¹⁸ Its oxidation potential, equilibrium constant, and free energy have been

compared with those of other mercaptans.³⁷⁷ Like any other mercaptan, it can be titrated with iodine. A colorimetric determination is based on the red color produced when sodium nitrite is added to it in alcoholic solution.^{374, 492b}

It shows an absorption band in the infrared.⁴⁶⁰ Its toxicity has been studied.⁴¹⁷

Mercaptoethanol can be added to unsaturates.^{312b} Among mercaptans, it is outstanding in this respect. With many unsaturates, the addition takes place spontaneously with the evolution of considerable heat. For example, when 78 g. is poured into 58 g. of allyl alcohol, 1 mole of each, the temperature rises 50° in about a minute.³⁵³ This spontaneous addition does not take place if sulfur is added to the mercaptoethanol but is not hindered by sulfur in the allyl alcohol.

Mercaptoethanol and thioglycolic acid solubilize keratin.²²⁸ This may be attributed to interchange with the cystine disulfide groups. This sort of reactions will be discussed under disulfides. Mercaptoethanol induces the coagulation of proteins.²⁰⁹

The ether, O(CH₂CH₂SH)₂, cannot be made directly from mercaptoethanol since, as mentioned before, its dehydration takes another course. It has been prepared by the thiourea method from dichloroethyl ether.^{12, 211} The germanium mercaptide, [O(CH₂CH₂S)₂]₂Ge melts at 159.5°.¹² A nickel complex is light brown.¹⁹¹ Eutectics of its thiobenzoate with related compounds have been studied.³⁶⁰ This dimercaptoether can be used with sulfur to vulcanize rubber.²¹¹

$Haloethyl ext{-}Mercaptans$

β-Chloroethyl mercaptan, ClCH₂CH₂SH, can be prepared from mercaptoethanol and hydrogen chloride: ^{34b}

$$\mbox{HOCH}_2\mbox{CH}_2\mbox{SH} \quad + \quad \mbox{HCl} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mbox{CICH}_2\mbox{CH}_2\mbox{SH} \quad + \quad \mbox{H}_2\mbox{O}$$

The hydroxyl, being in the β -position to a sulfur atom, is easily replaced. It is seldom used in syntheses since it reacts so readily with itself, besides being disagreeable to handle. The same compound results from the addition of hydrogen sulfide to vinyl chloride: 469

$$\mathsf{CH_2:}\mathsf{CHCI} \quad + \quad \mathsf{H_2S} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathsf{HSCH_2CH_2CI}$$

This reaction is activated by ultraviolet light.⁴⁶⁹ The reaction of hydrogen chloride with ethylene sulfide gives the same product: ^{107, 297}

$$(\cdot CH_2)_2S$$
 + HCI \rightarrow HSCH₂CH₂CI

A second molecule may react to give the chlorosulfide mercaptan, HSCH₂CH₂SCH₂Cl.¹⁰⁷ β-Chloroethyl mercaptan is vesicant and highly reactive. When it is agitated with sodium bicarbonate solution it reverts to ethylene sulfide. Under slightly different conditions, the product is polymeric ethylene sulfide, (•CH₂-CH₂S)_n.^{312b}

Similarly, ethylene sulfide and hydrogen bromide form β-bromoethyl mercaptan, BrCH₂CH₂SH.¹⁰⁷

The corresponding fluoroethyl mercaptan, FCH₂CH₂SH, is made by the addition of thioacetic acid to vinyl fluoride, followed by alcoholysis of the thioacetate.¹²² It has been prepared also from 2-fluoroethyl bromide and sodium hydrosulfide.²⁸⁴

The thioacetate, AcSCH₂CH₂I, of the iodomercaptan results from the reaction of acetyl iodide on ethylene sulfide. It combines with trimethylamine to give thioacetylcholine iodide.²²⁴

As will be pointed out in the chapter on substituted sulfides, there has been much interest in β -chloroalkyl sulfides. It is more convenient to prepare the hydroxysulfide:

The hydroxyl group is replaced by chlorine as the final step.35, 37

Alkoxyethyl-Mercaptans

The ethers, ROCH₂CH₂SH, cannot be obtained directly from mercaptoethanol, but are synthesized by the usual methods for mercaptans, from a chloride, ROCH₂CH₂Cl, and alkali hydrosulfide ^{66, 174, 272, 298, 369, 445} or thiourea, ³¹⁹ or from the hydrolysis of a thiolacetate. ^{75, 414c} Sodium phenate and ethylene sulfide give the phenyl ether, PhOCH₂CH₂SH. ³¹⁴ It was shown before that the addition of hydrogen sulfide to butyl vinyl ether, in the presence of sulfur dioxide, gives MeCH (OBu)SH. In pyridine the addition goes the other way to form BuOCH₂CH₂SH. ³⁴⁴ The presence of oxygen favors this mode of addition. A number of β-ether-mercaptans have been made in this way. The mercury

derivatives, ROCH₂CH₂SHgCl, have satisfactory melting points: ethyl, m. 155.6°; propyl, m. 137.5°; *i*-propyl, m. 153.5°; butyl, m. 138°; *i*-butyl, m. 144.5°; *i*-amyl, m. 126°; octyl, m. 126° and cyclohexyl, m. 150.5°.³⁴⁴, ⁴⁰⁹

OTHER HYDROXY-MERCAPTANS AND DERIVATIVES

The reaction of an alcohol with isobutylene sulfide gives a β-alkoxymercaptan, ROCMe₂CH₂SH.^{421a.} With acetic anhydride and pyridine, the diacetate, AcSCMe₂CH₂OAc, is obtained and with thioacetic acid, a mixture of the two acetates, HOCMe₂-CH₂SAc and AcOCMe₂CH₂SH.^{102b}

β-Hydroxypropyl mercaptan, MeCH (OH) CH₂SH, has been made from propylene oxide with thiourea ⁵⁶ or with hydrogen sulfide. It has been obtained also from propylene chlorhydrin and sodium hydrosulfide. Its thioacetate, CH₃CH (OH) CH₂-SCOCH₃, is from propylene oxide and thioacetic acid. The hydroxymercaptan has been prepared by catalytic hydrogenation. Since the hydroxyl group is in the β-position to a sulfur atom, it is activated and can be replaced by treatment with hydrogen chloride. Dehydration should, according to conditions, give monomeric or polymeric propylene sulfide, (CHMeCH₂S)_n.

β-Chloropropyl mercaptan, CH₃CHClCH₂SH, results from the reaction of hydrogen chloride on propylene sulfide.^{102a, 431a} Acetyl chloride gives the acetate, MeCHClCH₂SCOMe, and acetyl bromide, the bromo compound, MeCHBrCH₂SCOMe.^{102a} With an acyl chloride, the propylene sulfide ring may open either way.^{431b}

The isomeric β -mercaptopropanol-1, has been prepared by treating propylene sulfide with acetanhydride in pyridine and hydrolyzing the acetate.^{102a}

- 3-Mercapto-4-hydroxycoumarin has been prepared by the thiourea method. 121
- 3-Hydroxypropyl mercaptan, HOCH₂CH₂CH₂SH, has been prepared from trimethylene chlorhydrin both with sodium hydrosulfide ^{36, 369} and with thiourea.⁹² It appears to have been obtained by heating trimethylene sulfide with water at 200°.¹⁸¹ It is formed by the addition of hydrogen sulfide to allyl alcohol, under the influence of ultraviolet light.^{469, 470} It is produced by heating allyl alcohol, hydrogen sulfide, and hydrogen under high pressure with a sulfactive catalyst.⁶

As in this mercapto-alcohol the two reactive groups are fur-

ther apart, the one does not influence the other as much as in mercaptoethanol. With acetone, a cyclic monothicketole is formed: 414c

The bromide, BrCH₂CH₂CH₂SH, is prepared by treating the hydroxymercaptan with phosphorus tribromide.²²⁹ The chloride, ClCH₂CH₂CH₂SH, is made by the addition of thioacetic acid to allyl chloride and the alcoholysis of the thiol ester.^{414b}

The ether, EtOCH₂CH₂CH₂SH, is from 3-ethoxypropyl bromide.³⁶⁹

γ-Hydroxybutyl mercaptan, MeCH (OH) CH₂CH₂SH, has been obtained by the hydrogenation of aldol with a sulfactive catalyst. ^{133b}

δ-Hydroxybutyl mercaptan, HOCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂SH, has been prepared from 4-chlorobutanol. When passed over hot alumina, it is converted to tetrahydrothiophene.⁴⁹⁷

2-Mercapto-3-chlorobutane has been made by the addition of hydrogen sulfide to 2-chlorobutene.⁴⁶⁹

Primary alkoxy-chloropentenes react normally with alkali hydrosulfides, while with secondary there is allylic rearrangement.³⁴⁷

Cyclopentene oxide and sodium hydrosulfide give trans 2-mercapto-cyclopentanol.⁴⁶⁸ The trans thioacetate of 2-mercapto-cyclohexanol is formed by the reaction of thioacetic acid with cyclohexene oxide.^{299d}

THIOGLYCEROLS

A thioglycid, apparently, CH_2 — $CHCH_2SH$, was obtained by Reboul who recognized the possibility of isomers. It gave precipitates with heavy-metal ions. Carius got mono-, di-, and tri-thioglycerols from the reaction of the mono-, di-, and tri-chlorhydrins with potassium hydrosulfide. These gave precipitates with heavy-metal ions. On heating, the first two lost water and hydrogen sulfide and the last, hydrogen sulfide. The state-

ment that the monothioglycerol was insoluble in water casts doubt on the group.^{71a}

The acetone derivative of α -chlorhydrin has been converted to the disulfide:

After eliminating the acetone, the disulfide was reduced to the mercaptan, HOCH₂CH (OH)CH₂SH.⁴¹⁶ The same compound with identical properties has been prepared by the reaction of barium hydrosulfide solution on glycid and by the hydrolysis of the reaction product of glycid with thioacetic acid.^{414c} An impure product has been obtained from monochlorhydrin.³⁰³

N-hydroxylauramide is said to react with monothioglycerol in the presence of an acid catalyst.³ An arsenic derivative has been prepared:

$$({\sf HOCH_2CH(OH)CH_2S})_2{\sf AsCH_2CH(OH)CH_2As(SCH_2CH(OH)CH_2OH)_2} \ ^{124}$$

One part of thioglycerol in 500 of glycerol promotes the rapid healing of wounds.^{442, 443} A textile assistant has been made from it.^{424a}

Epichlorhydrin and sodium hydrosulfide, at 0°, give the chlorohydroxymercaptan, ClCH₂CH (OHCH₂SH, while at 50°, the product is the cyclic hydroxytrimethylene sulfide, HOCH-(CH₂)₂S.^{414a} It is better to treat the epichlorhydrin with thioacetic acid and hydrolyze the thioacetate, AcSCH₂CH (OH) CH₂Cl. The chlorohydroxymercaptan and acetone give the cyclic monothiomercaptole:

The formals, H₂C(SCH₂CHClCH₂Cl)₂ and H₂C[SCH(CH₂-Cl)₂]₂, from the dichlorothiohydrins, are said to be starting materials for making polymers.^{327b} Thioepichlorhydrin and acetyl chloride give the thioacetate, ClCH₂CHClCH₂SAc.^{102b}

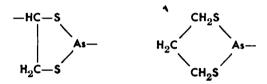
1,3-Dithioglycerol, HSCH₂CH(OH)CH₂SH, has been prepared from 1,3-dichlorhydrin or 1,3-dibromohydrin, and sodium hydro-

sulfide.^{361, 413, 455} It has been obtained by the electrolytic reduction of the disulfide.^{414c} The antimony and arsenic derivatives have been reported as therapeutically active.¹⁴³

BAL

1,2-Dithioglycerol is known as BAL, which stands for British anti-lewisite. This was proposed as an antidote for lewisite, Cl₂AsCH:CHCl, a possible war gas. The investigation has been broadened to take in arsenic compounds in general.

It was suggested that the toxicity of arsenic to living cells might be due to its reaction with two neighboring sulfhydryl groups in an essential enzyme and that 1,2- or 1,3-dithiols might capture the arsenic by forming stable five- or six-membered rings. 433a



The ease of formation and stability of such rings is well known. 1,2-Dithioglycerol, HSCH₂CH(SH)CH₂OH, was a likely compound with which to begin. Experiments with other metals followed those with arsenic. Other bivalent and trivalent metals seem to act like arsenic, but univalent silver does not.

1,2-Dithioglycerol can be made from dibromhydrin 44, 105c, 303, 336, 343, 433a or dichlorhydrin 220 and sodium hydrosulfide. Many variations of solvent and of time and temperature of heating have been tried, but the yields are still only fair. It has been obtained by the hydrogenation of a polymeric trisulfide with the aid of a sulfactive cobalt catalyst. 332

The reactions of BAL are what would be expected. It forms insoluble mercaptides with heavy-metal ions. Those with iron, lead, tin, bismuth, copper, nickel, and antimony are colored, while those with mercury, cadmium, and zinc are white.²⁶ It will take metals away from their complexes with dithizone.²²¹

Its oxidation rate has been compared with those of other dithiols. The rates depend on the distance between the two thiol groups and on the pH of the solution. It reduces methemoglobin to hemoglobin. A tetrathionate oxidises it to the disulfide. 168

With an acid catalyst, it is selectively acetylated to the mono-

acetate.³³⁹ More drastic treatment gives the triacetate.¹²⁵ Heating under reduced pressure converts it to mercaptomethylethylene sulfide, with the loss of a molecule of water.^{125, 254a} In the presence of acid, it condenses with two molecules of N-methylolbenzamide to PhCONHCH₂SCH₂CH (SCH₂NHCOPh) CH₂OH.⁴¹¹ It reacts with an amine and formaldehyde.²³⁴ In a solution buffered with glycine at pH 9.4, it is oxidised by air.³⁴²

The dithioglycerols are stabilized by ammonium salts and carboxamides.³⁶⁵ The selective absorptions of α -monothioglycerol and of the two dithioglycerols have been studied.^{414d}

Numerous derivatives, homologs and analogs of BAL have been synthesized in the hope of finding something more effective and less toxic. The most important of these is its glucoside, known as BAL-Intrav. Bromine is added to allyl glucoside and the resultant dibromide treated with an alkali hydrosulfide 105a or with potassium thioacetate.128 To compare with this, the trithioglucoside has been prepared, starting with 1,2,3-propane trithiol.^{299c} The methyl ether, HSCH₂CH (SH) CH₂OMe, the amine, HSCH₂CH(SH)CH₂NH₂, 1,3-dithioglycerol, HSCH₂CH(OH)-CH₂SH, and trimethylene dimercaptan are claimed in one patent 343 and the methyl, ethyl, and isopropyl ethers in another. 331 The ether, HSCH₂CH(SH)CH₂OCH₂CH(OMe)CH₂OMe, has been reported.299a The acetate, propionate, and butyrate of BAL have been described.330 The propionate and butyrate were among forty-three compounds tested. 461 Two glyceryl ethers, HSCH2-CH(SH)CH2OCH2CH(OH)CH2OH, and HSCH2CH(SH)CH2-OCH (CH₂OH)₂, and an ether of glycolic acid, HSCH₂CH (SH)-CH₂OCH₂CO₂H,¹²⁸ have been reported. 2,3-Isopropylidene-dimercaptopropanol is reduced by sodium in liquid ammonia to the 2-isopropyl sulfide of BAL, HSCH₂CH (SPr-i) CH₂OH.^{299b} As analogs of BAL-Intrav, several ethers have been made with mannitol and sorbitol derivatives. 45b

3,4-Dimercaptobutanol, HOCH₂CH₂CH (SH) CH₂SH, has been prepared from 3,4-dibromobutanol and sodium hydrosulfide.³³⁰ It has been made also by the hydrolysis of the diacetyl derivative. The corresponding chloro compound could not be purified.^{299d} 3,4-Dimercaptobutanediol, HOCH₂CH (OH) CH (SH) CH₂SH,¹²⁵. ^{478b} and its tetraacetate have been prepared and tested against an arsenical.^{478b} Two isomers of 1,4-dimercaptobutanediol-2,3 have been prepared.¹²⁵ 1,2-Dimercaptopentanetriol-3,4,5,¹²⁵, ^{498b} 1,2-di-

mercaptohexanetetrol-3,4,5,6, 1,4-dithioerythritol, and 1,6-dithiodulcitol have been described. The ethers, HSCH₂CH (SH) CH-(OMe) CH₂OMe and HSCH₂CH (SH) CH (OMe) CH (OMe) CH₂-OMe, have been prepared. Dithiopentaerythritol, (HSCH₂)₂-C(CH₂OH)₂, has been made in three ways: by the catalytic hydrogenation of the disulfide, by the reduction of the disulfide, and by hydrolysis of the dithioacetate, (AcSCH₂)₂C (CH₂-O)₂CMe₂. As 1,6-Dithiomannitol, HSCH₂CH (OH) CH (OH) CH-(OH) CH-(OH) CH₂SH, has been reported. As 1,2-mannitoleen have been the starting materials for preparing dithiohexitols.

Pharmacology of BAL

A number of reviews have been devoted, in whole or in part, to BAL.^{8, 70, 176, 183, 241, 268, 335, 346, 348, 368, 456, 480, 491 The development of the antidotes for lewisite has been reviewed.^{334, 476} Experiments on five thousand men using forty-three compounds have been reported.⁴⁶¹ Comparisons have been made with other dithiols.^{79, 138, 496} BAL protects against lewisite in the eyes,^{194, 210, 293} on the skin ¹⁷⁵ and in the lungs.¹⁹⁵ It protects living cells in vitro.¹³⁷ It reverses the enzyme inhibition caused by lewisite ²⁵ and is effective against arsenic compounds in general.^{15, 48, 72, 81a, 115, 116, 118, 123, 165, 180, 269, 271, 277, 366, 367, 430, 434b, 435, 436, 439, 463, 491} The excretion of arsenic is increased.^{74, 273, 485} A compound from oxophenarsine and BAL is said to combine low toxicity with significant trypanocidal and spirochetocidal activity.^{144, 380, 478b} An antimony derivative is recommended for schistomiasis.⁸⁷}

BAL counteracts the toxic action of mercurials.^{24, 29, 83, 60, 81b, 119, 120, 129, 165, 188, 238, 239, 247, 264, 267, 269, 270, 333, 433b, 440, 462 It is effective against compounds of lead, 84, 162, 173, 177, 277, 279, 376, 453, 478a cadmium, 24, 167, 193, 454, 464 antimony, 60, 117, 143, 154, 430, 462 copper, 277 bismuth, 24, 60, 430 nickel, 60 arsenic, 143 chromium, 60 gold, 47, 164, 246, 263, 294, 430, 462 tungsten, 277 and tellurium, 7 but not against those of silver, 161, 317 uranium, 277, 287b, 288, 310 or selenium. 32 It increases the excretion of copper enormously. 282, 286 BAL is therapeutically active in propylene glycol solution. 43 Water-soluble derivatives are said to be effective and less toxic. 64}

The physiological effects have been the subject of numerous studies some of which are listed. 16, 17, 27, 38, 39, 67, 73, 80, 86, 95, 103,

104, 106, 110, 128, 155, 207, 253, 278, 295, 322, 337, 342, 351, 362, 378, 434a, 457, 459, 479, 486 The toxicology of BAL has been investigated extensively. 78, 105b, 114, 196, 204, 212, 245, 287a, 375, 426b Its metabolism has been studied 427 and has been followed by means of S^{35} . 334 Its toxicity to various animals has been determined. 99 , 100 , 226 , 233 , 285 , 301, 302, 438

The investigation of the pharmacology of BAL glucoside has gone along with that of BAL itself.^{99, 100, 166, 167, 454, 478a, 478b}

Two colorimetric methods for estimating BAL have been proposed, depending on the reaction with cyanogen chloride ⁵ or with cobalt nitrate. ^{426a} A manometric method is based on the amount of nitrogen evolved with iodine and sodium azide. ²²²

1-THIOSORBITOL

This is readily prepared by heating an aqueous solution of glucose with a catalyst, sulfur and hydrogen under 1000 lb. pressure at 150° for several hours. The crude product may be purified by recrystallization from ethanol. A purer product is obtained by decomposing the cuprous salt in water with hydrogen sulfide or by hydrogenolysis of the disulfide. 132, 133a, 133b, 254b, 332

1-Thiosorbitol is a white crystalline solid, melting at 93° and very soluble in water, less so in alcohol. It has the characteristic reactions of polyhydric alcohols and of mercaptans. The hexaacetate can be prepared in the usual way. In alkaline solution it reacts with an alkyl halide to form a sulfide. Like any other mercaptan it forms salts with heavy-metal ions, such as cuprous, cupric, ferrous, mercuric, lead, stannous, nickel and zinc. The remarkable thing about these mercaptides is that they are soluble in water. The best way to make them is to dissolve the freshly precipitated metal hydroxide in an aqueous solution of the mercaptan. Thiosorbitol dissolves silver chloride with the liberation of hydrochloric acid.

Thiosorbitol has attracted considerable attention. It is a strong reducing agent. It should duplicate many of the reactions of mercaptoethanol since it has a hydroxyl group on the carbon next to the one that carries the sulfhydryl. This hydroxyl should be labile. A molecule of water should be formed by removing it along with a hydrogen from a sulfhydryl group. The result would be either a cyclic sulfide or a linear polymer.

Thiosorbitol has been recommended as a stabilizer for poly-

vinyl chloride and the like,¹¹² as an anticorrosion agent for pickling baths ⁵⁵ and as a constituent for plating baths.⁴¹²

The pharmacology has been studied extensively. 160, 166, 167, 196, 404 The gold derivative has been used in arthritis. 304

AROMATIC HYDROXY MERCAPTANS

These can be prepared by the methods used for the unsubstituted mercaptans. Sulfonyl chlorides may be reduced by zinc and acid. 158, 163, 230, 290, 341, 446, 465, 498, 499 The free phenol group is usually protected by converting it to the ethyl carbonate. An aromatic aminomercaptan 355 or an aminophenol 477 can be changed to the mercaptophenol by the diazo reaction. A disulfide may be reduced. 59, 355 In p-chlorophenol, the chlorine may be replaced by a sulfhydryl group by heating with sodium sulfide and hydroxide. 217a, 219a, 323a A peculiar method is the treatment of sodium phenate with a mixture of sodium sulfide and disulfide. 217b, 219b, 323b

The ozonization of thionaphthene gives hydroxythiophenols which go into disulfides.⁴⁷⁴ Pentachlorothiophenol has been made by coupling the appropriate diazonium chloride with potassium xanthate and hydrolyzing.⁴⁴⁸ Dithiogalein is made by heating fluorescein with sulfur.³⁰⁷ Alkylmercaptoquinones are reduced to the corresponding hydroquinones by zinc and acid.⁴ Hydroxyand alkoxy-benzyl mercaptans can be made by the thiourea method.²⁶⁵

The acidity potentials of several hydroxythiophenols have been measured. 405

Aldehydo-Mercaptans

Benzylmercaptoacetal, PhCH₂SCH₂CH (OEt)₂, is split by sodium in liquid ammonia. The resulting mercaptoacetal is hydrolyzed to the mercaptan which is in equilibrium with its dimer:

This synthesis was carried out to identify the aldehyde, C₂H₃-OSH, which had been obtained by the hydrolysis of uscharin.²⁰¹, The mercaptoacetal has been obtained also from bromoacetal

and potassium hydrosulfide. 182, 325 This will be treated again under cyclic sulfides.

The addition of thioacetic acid to acrolein gives β-acetylmer-captopropionaldehyde, MeCOSCH₂CH₂CHO, b₁₁ 89°; n 25/D 1.4887. Similar compounds are obtained from methacrolein and from 2-ethylhexenal ⁴⁷² but the mercaptoaldehydes have not been isolated from these.

o-Mercaptobenzaldehyde has been prepared, but little is known about it. It can be degraded to o-hydroxythiophenol by the decomposition of an ozonide.⁴⁷³

Keto-Mercaptans

Chloroacetone reacts regularly with sodium hydrosulfide: 208, 225, 816, 338, 403

$$\mathsf{MeCOCH}_2\mathsf{CI} \ + \ \mathsf{NaSH} \ \rightarrow \ \mathsf{MeCOCH}_2\mathsf{SH}$$

The product exists in two, probably polymeric, forms, m.80–2° and 109–11°. It is dimeric in bromoform. As a ketone, it forms an oxime and as a mercaptan, it reacts with chloroacetic acid, in alkaline solution: 408

$$\text{MeCOCH}_2 \text{SNa} \hspace{0.1in} + \hspace{0.1in} \text{CICH}_2 \text{CO}_2 \text{Na} \hspace{0.1in} \rightarrow \hspace{0.1in} \text{MeCOCH}_2 \text{SCH}_2 \text{CO}_2 \text{Na} \hspace{0.1in} + \hspace{0.1in} \text{NaCI}$$

By loss of water, the dimer passes into 2,5-dimethyl-2,5-endoxy-dithiane.²⁰⁸ This will be discussed again under cyclic sulfides. Similarly, 1-mercapto-2-octanone, HSCH₂COC₆H₁₃, has been prepared.²²⁵

The addition of hydrogen sulfide to mesityl oxide gives 2-methyl-2-mercaptopentanone-4, Me₂C(SH)CH₂COMe.^{9, 139} Adding thioacetic acid to 2-methyl-2-octenone-7 and hydrolyzing the product yields 2-methyl-3-mercapto-octanone-7.²⁸

s-Dimercaptoacetone, HSCH₂COCH₂SH, has been prepared from s-dichloroacetone and sodium hydrosulfide.^{838, 403}

Phenacyl mercaptan, PhCOCH₂SH, has been obtained from phenacyl bromide and sodium hydrosulfide.¹⁸⁴ It is better to prepare it from phenacyl chloride and sodium thiosulfate.^{20, 244} It is an unstable yellow oil which has been characterized only by its derivatives. m-Nitrophenacyl, β -naphthacyl, α -methylphenacyl, and desyl mercaptans have been made from the thiosulfate, but only as intermediates.²⁰ The desyl has been isolated.⁴⁰² p-Phenyl-

phenacyl mercaptan has been obtained from the sulfonium bromide and hydrogen sulfide.⁵⁷

The dimercaptan, ArCOCH:C(SH)₂, is formed when an aryl methyl ketone is treated with carbon disulfide and alkali. The product first formed is probably the salt of the dithioacid, ArCOCH₂CSSK, but it alkylates to the alkyl derivative, ArCOCH:C(SR)₂. A number of these have been prepared.^{231, 232} This will be treated again in a later chapter.

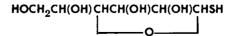
o-Mercaptoacetophenone, HSC₆H₄COCH₃, has been obtained as one of the hydrolysis products of 1-acetyl-2-methylene-1,2-dihydrobenzisothiazole. It has been characterized only through its derivatives.²⁸³ The meta ⁴⁰⁶ and para ^{364, 406} isomers have been prepared from the diazonium salts and xanthate. The para has been made also by decomposing β-(p-acetylphenylthio)-β-(m-nitrophenyl)-propiophenone with lead hydroxide.²⁰⁰ 3,5-Dimercaptoacetophenone and 2,4-dimercaptoacetophenone have been obtained by reducing the corresponding disulfonyl chlorides.³⁶⁴ β-Mercaptoanthraquinone ¹⁴⁶ and 4,4'-dimercaptobenzophenone ⁴⁴⁸ have been prepared by the diazonium-xanthate method. The acetylation of a 3-alkylthiophenol gives a 2-acetyl-5-alkylthiophenol.¹³⁰ Some α-ketothiols lose hydrogen sulfide easily. Thiobenzoin gives desoxybenzoin with sulfuric acid.²²³

Thiosaccharides

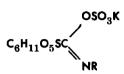
There are two groups, the thioglycoses, or true mercaptans, in which a primary or secondary -OH is replaced by an -SH, and the glycothioses in which a sulfur atom takes the place of the aldelhyde oxygen. Strictly speaking these are hemithials and should be in the chapter on thiones and thials. However, they are prepared by the methods by which thiols are made and their reactions are typical mercaptan reactions.

THIOSES

The one important member of this group is β -thioglucose which has the structure:



There is some uncertainty whether it is a furanose or a pyranose. It is the characteristic constituent of several glucosides which are found in natural products. The history of this group goes back to the isolation in 1825 of a crystalline compound containing nitrogen and sulfur from white mustard seed. Five of these thioglucosides have the structure:



Hydrolysis may split at one side or the other of the sulfur atom so as to give glucose and an isothiocyanate, SCNR, or thioglucose. Potassium bisulfate is formed in either case. In sinigrin, the R is allyl, 58, 69, 134, 153a, 388b, 393, 399, 488 in glucotropacolin, benzyl, 206 in gluconasturtin, 153b, 206 β-phenylethyl, and in glucocheirolin, methyl α-propyl sulfone, -CH₂CH₂CH₂SO₂CH₃, 388a, 396, 397, 475 The breakdown of sinigrin into glucose and allyl isothiocyanate, known as mustard oil, is taken up under thiocyanates. Sinalbin is more complicated. The R is p-hydroxybenzyl and instead of the potassium, there is the choline ester of 3,5-dimethoxy-4-hydroxycinnamic acid, HO(MeO)₂C₆H₂CH:CHCO₂CH₂CH₂N-(Me)₃OH. 10, 58, 153b, 489 Thioglucose is formed from all of these by the action of ammoniacal silver solutions.

The chemistry of sinalbin and thioglucose has been summed up by Specht ⁴²⁵ and the subject has been brought up to date by Raymond.³⁴⁹

Synthesis of Glucothiose

Tetraacetobromoglucose reacts smoothly with potassium xanthate, KSCSOEt. Acid hydrolysis splits off the xanthate group, but leaves the acetyls. Ammonia in methanol removes these also, leaving the glucothiose.³⁹⁴ Acetylated bromoglucose and potassium disulfide gave the disulfide which was reduced by zinc and acetic acid to the desired thioglucose.^{493a} This reduces Fehling's solution in the cold and forms a phenylglucosazone with phenylhydrazine. The thiol is eliminated in this reaction as it should be. It shows the normal mutarotation. It yields a crystalline pentaacetate and may be oxidised by iodine to the disulfide.^{363, 387, 395, 407} Another method of synthesis involves the reaction of

tetraacetylbromoglucose with potassium thioacetate, MeCOSK. The resulting pentaacetate is deacetylated.^{141, 381a} The synthetic and the natural have been compared in several ways and found to be identical,⁴⁹⁴ except that they have opposite rotations.^{493b} Thioglucose has been prepared also through the phenyl thioure-thane-p-glucoside.^{391, 392}

Tetraacetyl-p-glucoside-S-thiuronium bromide and sodium nitrite give octaacetyl- β , β -diglucosyl sulfoxide-sulfide, Ac₄C₆H₇O₅-SO·SC₆H₇O₅Ac₄.³⁸⁹

In addition to glucothiose, cellothiose, ⁴⁹⁵ xylothiose, ¹⁵⁹ and a trithiogalactose ³⁹⁰ have been synthesized.

When glucose, dissolved in dry pyridine, is saturated with hydrogen sulfide, thioglucose is formed along with some dithio compound. Similar results were obtained with D-mannose, D-fructose, L-rhamnose, L-arabinose, lactose, and maltose. 388c, 398

The reactivities ⁴¹⁸ and photochemical properties ²⁴³ of thioglucose have been compared to those of other mercapto-compounds. The rates of its reactions with iodoacetamide and with iodoacetate have been measured. ⁴¹⁸

Thioglucose stimulates cell proliferation in mammals as in lower organisms. 187 Dressings of thioglucose aid in healing ulcerated areas.354 It stabilizes ascorbic acid.320 There has been considerable interest in therapeutic uses of the gold derivative, the production of which has been described.^{77, 381c, 385, 400} It is highly bactericidal.339 Its toxicity has been studied.109 One injection of it causes gain in adipose tissue in albino mice.61 It affects the liver function in dogs. 185 Its complex with sodium thiosulfate is said to be effective against infections.³⁸² The distribution of gold in various organs of the body, after dosage with aurothioglucose has been determined.46, 111, 275, 340 It is eliminated largely in the urine.⁴⁶ Bismuth,^{77, 381c, 400} cadmium,^{77, 400} and sodium thioglucose 381b have been advocated as therapeutic agents, so have the silver-sodium, 386 antimony-sodium 384 and antimonysilver 381c double salts. The gold derivative of thiocellulose 381c and the silver and mercury derivatives of cellobiose have been claimed as medicinals. 493c Thioglucose, thiogalactose, and thiocellobiose increase the physiological activity of gold glutathionate.136

Adenyl (mercaptomethyl) pentose contains 9'-(5-mercaptomethyl) pentose.³⁷⁹

THIOGLYCOSES

Little is known of the thioglycoses in which a hydroxyl is replaced by a sulfhydryl group. The S-methyl derivative of one of these, which is found in yeast, will be treated in the chapter on substituted sulfides as a hydroxy-sulfide.

Acetone-6-thio-p-glucose has been made by saturating an aqueous barium hydroxide solution of 5,6-anhydroacetonefructose with hydrogen sulfide. The 6-thioglucose has not been obtained in crystalline form and has not been well characterized. 315

3-Thioglucose has been obtained from the rearranged xanthate of diacetoneglucose. The 3-thioglucose did not crystallize, but yielded a crystalline tetraacetate and disulfide.¹⁴²

Sulfide-Mercaptans

The sulfide-mercaptans, RS(CH₂)_nSH, in general, can be made by the standard methods for preparing mercaptans. The only special cases are where n = 1, or 2. The compounds in which n = 1, RSCH₂SH, are hemimercaptals and unstable. The ethyl compound, EtSCH₂SH, has been obtained by the reaction of the chloride with dry potassium hydrosulfide at -4°.⁵¹ When hydrogen sulfide is passed into a cold neutral solution of formaldhyde, an unstable heavy liquid separates out. This appears to contain HSCH₂SH, HSCH₂SCH₂SH and HSCH₂SCH₂SCH₂SH. These cannot be isolated, but their methyl derivatives, MeSCH₂SMe and MeSCH₂SCH₂SMe, have been obtained and oxidised to the corresponding sulfones.³⁰

The compounds, RSCH₂CH₂SH, in which n = 2, are by far the best known, since they can be prepared from the chlorides, RSCH₂CH₂Cl. As will be shown in the chapter on substituted sulfides, many of these chlorides have been made for toxicity studies. The mercaptan, EtSCH₂CH₂SH, is readily obtained from the chloride, EtSCH₂CH₂Cl.^{108, 174} It turns out that this mercaptan can be made directly from the alcohol, EtSCH₂CH₂OH, which saves the trouble of converting it to the chloride.³⁵² It is known that mercaptans can be obtained from other alcohols in this way, but long heating and high concentrations of acid are

required unless the hydroxyl is activated as it is by the β -sulfur atom. A special method is the reaction of ethylene sulfide with a mercaptan:^{297, 358}

RSH +
$$(CH_2)_2S \rightarrow RSCH_2CH_2SH$$

This is analogous to the reaction of ethylene oxide with an alcohol. *i*-Butylene sulfide and a mercaptan give two products, RSCMe₂CH₂SH and RSCH₂CMe₂SH.^{422b} Ethylene is sulfurized and hydrogenated in the presence of cobalt trisulfide under pressure at 170 to 250°. One of the products is EtSCH₂CH₂SH.²⁵⁵, 410a

The sulfide-dimercaptan, HSCH₂CH₂SCH₂CH₂SH, is a byproduct in the preparation of ethylene mercaptan.^{296, 298} The bissulfidedimercaptan, HSCH2CH2SCH2CH2SCH2CH2SH, is also a by-product.²⁹⁸ The sulfide-dimercaptan can be prepared from dichloroethyl sulfide and thiourea in the usual way. 191 The formation of the isothiuronium salt is rapid when the mixture of the reactants and water is heated under reflux. It is complete within 30 minutes. The yield of distilled product is 81%. An equally good yield is obtained directly from thiodiglycol. A mixture of 122 g. thiodiglycol (1 mole), 155 g. thiourea (2.04 moles), and 200 cc. of concentrated hydrochloric acid (2.35 moles) is heated under reflux. The formation of the isothiuronium salt is complete within 20 minutes. It is known that concentrated hydrochloric acid reacts rapidly with thiodiglycol to form the chloride and it is possible that the chloride is an intermediate, but its presence has not been observed. However, the preparation should be made under a hood. The advantage of this method is that it obviates handling the toxic dichloride. This sulfidedimercaptan forms a red nickel complex which is a sensitive test for mustard gas. 191

This method has been applied to the higher glycols (CH₂SCH₂CH₂OH)₂, (CH₂CH₂SCH₂CH₂OH)₂, CH₂(CH₂CH₂-SCH₂CH₂OH)₂ and O₂S(CH₂CH₂SCH₂CH₂OH)₂. In all of these, the hydroxyls are in β-positions to sulfur atoms.³⁵²

The sulfide-dimercaptan, S(CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂SH)₂, is a by-product in the preparation of trimethylene mercaptan.²⁹⁸ From the bromine addition product of butadiene sulfone and thioacetic acid in pyridine, a bisthioacetate has been obtained. This can be deacetylated to the dimercaptan: ³²⁹

The aromatic sulfide-dimercaptan, $p,p'HSC_6H_4SC_6H_4SH$, has been prepared.³⁴⁸

Aminomercaptans

FORMATION

The simplest aminomercaptan, H₂NCH₂SH, like its analogs, HOCH₂OH and HOCH₂SH, is unstable and has never been isolated, but certain of its derivatives are known. The grouping, -N:C(SH)-, is present in 2-mercaptopyridine ⁴⁵⁸ and in 2-mercaptoquinoline.³⁷⁰ Treating piperidine and morpholine with formaldehyde and then with hydrogen sulfide gives the compounds, CH₂(CH₂CH₂)₂NCH₂SH and O(CH₂CH₂)₂NCH₂SH.⁴² These are also made by treating the 2-hydroxy compounds with phosphorus pentasulfide. The urea derivative, OC(NHCH₂SH)₂, is said to improve the resistance of wool to alkali.¹¹³ 5-Alkyl-4 alkylamino-2-pyrimidinethiols have been prepared by heating 5-alkyl-2,4-dithiouracils with an amine. This is true also of the corresponding 5-aryls and of the unsubstituted forms.^{68, 481} 4-Phenyl-5-imidazolethiol contains both HS·C·N and HS·C·C·N groupings.¹

Aminomercaptans, in which the amino and sulfhydryl groups are on different carbon atoms, can be synthesized by the usual methods for mercaptans.

Potassium phthalimide and an excess of ethylene bromide give the bromide, $C_6H_4(CO)_2NCH_2CH_2Br$, which can be treated with an alkali hydrosulfide, xanthate, or thiourea and the product hydrolyzed to β -aminoethyl mercaptan, $H_2NCH_2CH_2SH$. ^{92, 149a, 150, 151, 306, 415} β -Aminopropyl mercaptan has been prepared in this way. ⁴⁰⁸

β-Aminoethyl mercaptan is of special interest, since the amide of pantothenic acid, RCONHCH₂CH₂SH, a constituent of coenzyme-A, is derived from it.^{18, 178, 179, 280, 281, 419} The S-acetyl derivative of this amide is potent pharmacologically. This amide can be obtained from pantothenic acid in several ways.^{326, 420} An amide of this type can be prepared by treating a thioacid with ethylene imine.¹⁹ The pKa value for S-acetoacetyl-N-acylthio-

ethanolamine is 8.5, compared to 10.7 for ethyl acetoacetate.⁴⁸³ The N-(mercaptoethyl)amide, PhCOCMe₂CONHCH₂CH₂SH, has been made from the β-lactam.²¹

Dialkylaminoalkyl halides, R₂N (CH₂)_nCl, can be used directly for the synthesis of mercaptans. Of these the chlorides, R₂NCH₂-CH₂Cl, are the most available and thus those most often employed. These react regularly with an alkali hydrosulfide ¹⁷¹. ⁴⁵² or with thiourea.^{2, 89, 90, 91, 172}, ⁴⁴⁴ The higher homologs, where n > 2, react similarly.^{89, 91, 250} The result is the preparation of many dialkylaminomercaptans, R₂N (CH₂)_nSH. Methyldi (mercaptoethyl) amine, MeN (CH₂CH₂SH)₂, ethyldi (mercaptoethyl)-amine, and tri (mercaptoethyl) amine, N (CH₂CH₂SH)₃, have been prepared. The colored compounds, which these give with nickel, provide a sensitive test for the nitrogen mustards.¹⁹¹

Thiocholine chloride, HSCH₂CH₂NMe₃Cl, has been made by heating the chloride, ClCH₂CH₂NMe₃Cl, with thiouracil.¹⁹⁰ The acetyl derivatives of thiocholine and of β-methylthiocholine have been prepared, starting with ClCH₂CH₂NMe₂ and ClCHMeCH₂-NMe₂, which react with thiourea.³⁵⁷ The iodide, AcSCH₂CH₂-NMe₃I, is from the addition of trimethylamine to acetylmercaptoethyl iodide.²²⁴

A novel method is the treatment of lithium diethylamine with ethylene sulfide: 172

$$\text{Et}_2\text{NLi} + (\cdot\text{CH}_2)_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{Et}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$$

Without the lithium the diethylamine has to be heated with the ethylene sulfide in a sealed tube. Ethylene and propylene sulfide react with primary and secondary amines: ^{213d, 216, 359, 421b, 421c, 422a}

Isobutylene sulfide and piperidine give C₅H₁₀NCH₂CMe₂SH. These reactions are analogous to those of amines with ethylene oxide. Trimethylene sulfide reacts similarly: ¹⁸¹

$$\mathsf{CH}_2(\mathsf{CH}_2)_2\mathsf{S} \quad + \quad \mathsf{NH}_3 \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{NCH}_2\mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{SH}$$

Ethylene imine reacts with hydrogen sulfide even at -60° : ^{23, 41, 300, 308}

$$(\cdot CH_2)_2NH + H_2S \rightarrow HSCH_2CH_2NH_2$$

2 $(\cdot CH_2)_2NH + H_2S \rightarrow S(CH_2CH_2NH_2)_2$

An excess of hydrogen sulfide favors the mercaptan.⁴⁰ An alkylene imine gives a 2-mercaptoamine, RCH(SH)CH₂NH₂.⁵⁴

The amino and mercapto groups may be introduced in the reverse order: 131

Carbon disulfide reacts with 2-aminoethyl bromide and with 3-aminopropyl bromide to give 2-mercaptothiazoline ^{149a, 152, 252} and 2-mercaptopenthiazoline: ²⁵²

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} \mathsf{CH}_2\text{-}\mathsf{S} & \mathsf{CH}_2\text{-}\mathsf{S} \\ & \mathsf{CSH} & \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{C} & \mathsf{CSH} \\ & \mathsf{CH}_2\text{-}\mathsf{N} & \mathsf{CH}_2\text{-}\mathsf{N} \end{array}$$

The hydrolysis of these gives 2-aminoethyl and 3-aminopropyl mercaptans.^{152, 252} The 2-aminoethyl mercaptan may also be obtained by the catalytic hydrogenation of the 2-mercaptothiazoline.^{254c} The cyclic imine may be an intermediate in the formation of the thiazoline: ⁵²

β-Aminomercaptans are conveniently made by the hydrolysis of thiazolidines. 149a, 152, 213a, 215b, 300, 306

Aromatic aminomercaptans have been obtained by the reduction of the appropriate sulfone chlorides. $^{429, 450, 500, 501, 503}$ Ortho and para thiocyanoaniline, $H_2NC_6H_4SCN$, $^{213b, 215a, 292}$ and nitrodisulfides $^{22, 53, 135, 205b}$ are reduced to aminothiophenols. Sodium sulfide replaces the chlorine and reduces the nitro group of p-nitrochlorobenzene. 170 2-Chloro-5-nitroaniline 205a and 2-bromo-5-nitroaniline 145 are converted to 2-amino-4-nitrothiophenol by sodium sulfide and sulfur. Some sulfide is also formed.

The most practical way to make o-aminothiophenol is the hydrolysis of benzothiazole. Substituents in the benzene ring remain, while those in the 2-position are eliminated.^{93, 156, 218c, 218, 237, 428, 437} A substituent in the 3-position stays on the nitro-

gen.^{158, 159} The catalytic hydrogenation of 2-mercaptobenzothiazole gives o-aminothiophenol.^{254c} Hydrolysis accomplishes the same end. 2-Amino-4-chlorothiophenol was prepared from the benzothiazole ²⁴⁸ and its diacyl derivatives studied.^{248, 249}

4-Dimethylaminophenyl lithium reacts with sulfur:

$$Me_2NC_6H_4Li + S \rightarrow Me_2NC_6H_4SLi$$

Hydrolysis of this gives the amino-mercaptan, Me₂NC₆H₄SH.¹⁶⁹ Several mercaptoalkyl pyridines have been prepared from the corresponding chloroalkylpyridines by standard methods.^{88, 471} A halogen atom in the 2-position in pyridine is replaced readily.^{242, 458} 2-Mercapto-5-nitropyridine has been obtained in two isomeric forms, one brown, m.190°, the other yellow, m.185°.⁴⁴⁹ 2-Mercapto-3,5-diiodopyridine is formed when 3,5-diiodopyridone is treated with phosphorus pentasulfide.²⁴⁰

REACTIONS

The fact that β -aminoethyl mercaptan is a solid, with a comparatively high melting point, indicates that it exists as an inner salt.¹⁵⁰ The same can be said of many of the amino-mercaptans.

In general, there are two sets of reactions, those characteristic of amines and those of mercaptans. Naturally, the activity of each group is modified somewhat by the presence of the other. When the amino group is in the beta- or gamma-position to the sulfhydryl group, the two are frequently involved in ring formation.⁵³, ⁹³, ⁹⁸, ^{149a}, ^{149b}, ¹⁵², ²²⁷, ³⁰⁰ Diethylaminoethyl mercaptan adds to acrylonitrile: ⁹²

$$\texttt{Et}_{2} \texttt{NCH}_{2} \texttt{CH}_{2} \texttt{SH} \quad + \quad \texttt{H}_{2} \texttt{C:CHCN} \quad \rightarrow \quad \texttt{Et}_{2} \texttt{NCH}_{2} \texttt{CH}_{2} \texttt{CH}_{2} \texttt{CN}$$

β-Aminoethyl mercaptan forms mercaptides, two of which will be mentioned: EtHgSCH₂CH₂NMe₂, which quarternizes with dimethyl sulfate to EtHgSCH₂CH₂NMe₃SO₄Me,⁸⁵ and Et₂Au-SCH₂CH₂NH₂, an electrolyte, which forms complexes with ethylmercaptoethyl amine and with thiourea.¹²⁷

The S-acetyl derivative is formed when the hydrochloride is treated with acetyl chloride.^{18, 487} In pyridine, the diacetyl derivative is formed.^{18, 197}

o-Aminophenyl mercaptides of copper, zinc, bismuth, mercury, cadmium,⁷⁶ cobalt, and nickel ^{76, 203} have been described.

o-Aminothiophenol and cyanogen give 2,2'-bibenzothiazolyl.206

APPLICATIONS

2,3-Dimercaptopropyl amine is said to be a good antidote against arsenicals. 336, 348, 433a, 461 Thio esters of aminomercaptans are of pharmacological interest. 89, 90 Diethylaminoethyl p-aminothiobenzoate, $H_2NC_6H_4COSCH_2CH_2NEt_2$, "thiocain" has been tested as a local anesthetic. 2, 140, 192, 289, 311 Injection of β -aminoethyl mercaptan, or its salts, is said to protect humans for 2 to 3 days against ionic radiations. 423 N-(β -phenylacetyl-mercaptoethyl) phenyl acetamide and β -phenylacetylaminoethyl disulfide have been suggested as precursors of penicillin. 31 Thioacetylcholine has been compared to acetylcholine. 357

Aminomercaptans are claimed as intermediates for dyes and vulcanization accelerators.^{213c, 359} 1,3-Dimercapto-2-methyl-2-aminopropane is said to be useful in reclaiming rubber.¹⁰¹ Water-soluble salts of aminomercaptans, in which the nitrogen is tertiary, are claimed as bactericides.²¹⁴

Mercapto-Sulfonic Acids

A methane trisulfonic acid, $HSC(SO_3H)_3$, has been discussed in Chapter 3.

The chief interest in these acids has been in the use of their gold, antimony, bismuth, silver and mercury derivatives as therapeutic agents. The mercaptides of these metals are solubilized by the sulfonic salt at the other end.

Ethylene bromide may react with sodium sulfite and then with a hydrosulfide: ²⁶⁶

The silver-sodium, AgSCH₂CH₂SO₃Na,^{275, 276a} and the gold-calcium, (AuSCH₂CH₂SO₃)₂Ca,^{257b} salts have been recommended. Similar compounds have been prepared, starting with trimethylene bromide.²⁶⁶ The amounts of gold deposited in various organs have been determined.³⁴⁰ Derivatives of the 3-mercapto-2-hydroxysulfonic acid, HSCH₂CH (OH) CH₂SO₃H, have been extensively studied. Among these are AuSCH₂CH (OH) CH₂SO₃Na,^{262, 276b} [AuSCH₂CH (OH) CH₂SO₃]₂Sr,^{257a, 258} Sb[SCH₂CH (OH) - SO₃Na]₃,^{260, 274b, 373} AgSCH₂CH (OH) CH₂SO₃Na,^{274a} Bi[SCH₂-CH (OH) CH₂SO₃Na]₃,^{260, 274b, 373} AgSCH₂CH (OH) CH₂SO₃Na,^{274a} Bi[SCH₂-CH (OH) CH₂SO₃Na]₃,²⁶⁰ and Hg[SCH₂CH (OH) CH₂SO₃Na]₂.²⁶¹

Derivatives of β -amino- α -mercaptoethanesulfonic acids, RNH-CH₂CH(SH)SO₃H, and their mercaptan salts have been claimed. The sodium salt of the N-methylol-lauramide condensation product with 2-mercaptoethanesulfonic acid has been patented. 424b

Physical Properties

The physical properties of a number of compounds of this group will be listed. The object is to show what compounds have been made and, by means of the references, to tell who made them. The remarks made in Chapter 1 as to the sketchiness of the published data apply here with equal force.

HYDROXY-MERCAPTANS

HOCH₂SH, Ac., b₁₄ 62-3°.⁵⁰

 $\begin{array}{l} {\rm HOCH_2CH_2SH,\ b_{12}\ 54^{\circ},^{83}\ b_{13}\ 55^{\circ},^{34b}\ b_{17}\ 65^{\circ},^{75}\ b_{18}\ 58^{\circ},^{34a}\ 61^{\circ},^{147}} \\ {\rm \ b_{22}\ 62-7^{\circ},^{332}\ b_{742}\ 157-8^{\circ};\ d\ 0/4\ 1.1317,\ d\ 10/4\ 1.1230,\ d\ 20/4\ 1.1143,^{34b}\ 1.1153;\ n\ 20/D\ 1.4443,^{34a}\ 1.4996;\,^{34b}\ Ac.,\ b_{1}\ 95^{\circ};\ Bz.,\ b_{1}\ 134^{\circ};\ d\ 20/4\ 1.209;\ n\ 20/D\ 1.594;\,^{313}\ diBz.,\ m.39^{\circ};\,^{147}\ diAc.,\ b_{11}\ 98-9^{\circ}.^{148} \end{array}$

HOCHMeCH₂SH, b₈ 45°,⁴⁹⁰ b₁₂ 51°,^{414c} b₁₄ 55–7°,⁵⁶ b₂₀ 72°;^{102a} d 20/4 1.0483; ^{414c} n 16/D 1.4815,^{102a} n 18/D 1.4850,⁴⁹⁰ n 20/D 1.4862; ³²⁴, ^{414c} diAc., b₁₉ 124°; n 20/D 1.467.^{102a}

<code>HOCH_2CHMeSH</code>, b₂₀ 62°; n 17/D 1.4818; diAc., b₁₁ 105°; n 17/D 1.4702. 102a

HOCMe₂CH₂SH, b₂₆ 64°; n 25/D 1.4768.324

 ${
m HOCH_2CMe_2SH},\ b_{30}\ 70^\circ;\ n\ 22/D\ 1.469;\ diAc.,\ b_{15}\ 114^\circ.^{102b}$

 $\rm HOCH_2CH_2SH,\, b_7$ 75–80°,92 b_{10} 82°,229 b_{15} 85–90°;369 diAc., b_{15} 118–20°,369 b_{24} 125°; n 20/D 1.4720; SAc., $b_{1.5}$ 72–5°; n 20/D 1.4827.65

 ${
m HOCH_2CH_2CHMeSAc},\ b_{15}\ 85^\circ;\ n\ 20/{
m D}\ 1.4605;\ Ac.,\ b_{11}\ 110^\circ;\ n\ 20/{
m D}\ 1.4674.^{65}$

 ${
m HOCH_2CHMeCH_2SAc,\ b_{23}\ 121-2^\circ;\ n\ 20/D\ 1.4856;\ Ac.,\ b_{24}\ 133-4^\circ;\ n\ 20/D\ 1.4693.^{65}}$

HOCH₂CH₂CHPhSAc, Ac., b₁ 124-30°; n 20/D 1.5292.65

HOCH₂CH (OH) CH₂SH, b_{0.9} 95–7°, b₁ 101°, 414c b₃ 112°; 416 d 20/4 1.2455; n 20/D 1.5268; 414c, 416 triAc., b_{1.8} 130–6°. 414c

HSCH₂CH (OH) CH₂SH, b_{0.04} 55°, 413 b_{1.5} 82°, 414c b₁₂ 94°; 361, 455 d 20/4 1.2386; n 20/D 1.5700.414c

 $HOCH_2CH(SH)CH_2SH$, $b_{0.4}$ 94°, 361 $b_{0.5}$ 89°, 336, 343 $b_{0.8}$ 82–4°, 414c

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\begin{array}{l} b_1\,87-9^\circ,^{105c}\,81^\circ,^{75}\,b_{1.9}\,80^\circ,\,b_{3.4}\,90^\circ,\,b_{5.6}\,100^\circ,\,b_{9.7}\,100^\circ,\,b_{15}\,120^\circ,\\ b_{25}\,130^\circ,\,b_{40}\,140^\circ,^{332}\,b_{8}\,100^\circ;^{125}\,d_{17}\,1.14,^{105c}\,d\,25/4\,1.2385;^{332}\\ n\,15/D\,1.5730,^{125}\,n\,21/D\,1.5710,^{75}\,n\,25/D\,1.5720;^{332}\,Ac.,\,b_{1.5}\,90^\circ;\,d\,25/4\,1.1916;\,n\,25/D\,1.5185;^{330}\,propionyl,\,b_{0.2}\,70^\circ;\\ d\,25/4\,1.1491;\,n\,25/D\,1.5089;^{330}\,butyryl,\,b_{0.25}\,78^\circ;\,d\,25/4\,1.1095;\,n\,25/D\,1.5095;^{330}\,diAc.,\,b_{0.05}\,120^\circ;^{75}\,triAc.,\,b_{0.1}\,139^\circ,^{125}\,b_{0.5}\,120^\circ;^{75}\,n\,20/D\,1.5140;^{125}\,n\,23/D\,1.5105.^{75} \end{array}
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HOCH₂CH(OH)CH(OH)CH₂SH, tetraAc., m.78°. 125

HSCH₂CH (OH) CH (OH) CH₂SH, dl-dithiothreitol, m.43°; b₂ 125-30°; tetraAc., m.73°. 125

HSCH₂CH (OH) CH (OH) CH₂SH, dithioerythritol, m.83°; tetraAc., m.126°. 125

HOCH₂CH (OH) CH (OH) CH (SH) CH₂SH, pentaAc., m.92°.¹²⁵ (HOCH₂)₂C (CH₂SH)₂, m.98°,¹³ 97°,³⁸² 96°; ^{45a} tetraAc., b_{0.0001} 110–20°; n 15/D 1.5092.^{45a}

HOCH₂CH (OH) CH (OH) CH (OH) CH (OH) CH₂SH, thiosorbitol., m.89–92°, ^{133a}, ^{254b} 93°. ¹³²

HSCH₂CH (OH) CH (OH) CH (OH) CH₂SH, dithiomannitol, m.172°, 125 155–7°; [α] 20/D 1.86; 45a hexaAc., m.188°. 125

2,5-Dithio-1,4:3,6-dianhydromannitol, m.16°; n 17/D 1.5692; [a] 18/D 85°.45a

5,6-Dithiohexitol, hexaAc., m.87-9°.45c, 75

2-HOC₅H₈SH, trans, b₃₅ 112-4°.56

2-HOC₆H₁₀SH, trans, b₁₅ 97–9°,⁵⁶ b₁₅ 92–4°; n 15/D 1.5190; ⁴⁶⁸ SAc., n 16/D 1.4897.^{299d}

o-HOC₆H₄SH, b₆₅ 134-6°, 323a b.217°, 256 216-7°. 186

 $m\text{-HOC}_6H_4SH$, m.17°; b₃₅ 168°; diBz., m.78°.499

 $p ext{-HOC}_6H_4SH$, m.30°; $^{256, 499}$ b₁ 105–10°, 290 b₂₀ 144–6°; diAc., m.66°, 256 67°; 499 Bz., m.75°; diBz., m.161°. 290

 $3,4-Me(OH)C_6H_3SH, m.43^{\circ}.^{323a}$

 $3,5,4-Me_2(OH)C_6H_2SH, m.86^{\circ}.^{230}$

 $2,3,5,4-Me_3(OH)C_6HSH, m.87^{\circ}.^{230}$

o-HOCH₂C₆H₄SH, benzoyl, m.126°.355

 $2,5-(HO)_2C_6H_3SH, m.118^{\circ}.4$

2,4-(HS)₂C₆H₃OH, oil, triBz., m.96°.341

 $2,4,6-(HS)_3C_6H_2OH$, tetraBz., m.132°.341

Dimercapto-o-cresol, m.51°; triBz., m.96°.341

Dimercapto-m-cresol, m.69°; triAc., m.56°; triBz., m.120°.341

Dimercapto-p-cresol, m.48°; triAc., m.98°; triBz., m.138°.841

Trimercapto-m-cresol, m.36°; tetraAc., m.76°.341

1-HOC₁₀H₆SH-4, m.114°; diAc., m.77°.502

1-HOC₁₀H₆SH-5, m.132°, 356 115°.477

2-HOC₁₀H₆SH-6, m.137°; diAc., m.107°.498

2-HOC₁₀H₆SH-7, m.60-70°.477

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MeOCH₂SH, m.-52.4°; b₁₅ 52°; d 0/4 1.1017, d 12/4 1.0733; n 12/D 1.4909; Ac., b₁₅ 94°; d 0/4 1.1977, d 27/4 1.1819; n 27/D 1.5178.²⁵¹

EtOCHMeSH, b₆₃ 38.6–8.8°, b₆₅ 38–9°; d 20/4 0.9160; n 20/D 1.4378; Ac., b.155–8°, b₁₇ 60–3.5°, ⁴⁰⁹ b₁₈ 62–2.5°, ⁸⁴⁵ b₂₁ 64.5°; ⁴⁰⁹ d 20/4 1.004; n 20/D 1.4556; Bz., b₄ 120–0.5°; d 20/4 1.0891; n 20/D 1.5472.845, ⁴⁰⁹

BuOCHMeSH, b_{20.5} 52.5–3.5°, b₁₆ 48.2–8.3°; d 20/4 0.8984; n 20/D 1.4428; Ac., b.198–200°, b_{3–3.6} 61.7–2.3°, 409 b₇ 78–8.5°; 345 d 20/4 0.9664; n 20/D 1.4560; 345 , 409 Bz., b_{3.2} 133.5–4.5°, 409 b₄ 139–40°; d 20/4 1.0492; 345 , 409 n 20/D 1.5347, 409 1.5346. 345

MeOCH₂CH₂SH, b.112°, 75 109–10°; 174 n 23/D 1.4488; Ac., b₁₁₀ 110°; n 18/D 1.4645. 75

 $(MeO)_2CHCH_2SH$, b_{13} 43-4°, 182 b_{80} 81-2°; n 30/D 1.4463. 325

EtOCH₂CH₂SH, b.125.5–5.8°, ⁴⁴⁵ 126–8°, ⁴⁰⁹ b₇₄₀ 125–6°, ³¹⁹ b₁₅ 37–40°, ³⁶⁹ b₄₁₅ 112–4°; ^{422b} d₂₀ 0.9412, ⁴⁰⁹ d 20 /4 0.9462; ⁴⁴⁵ n 20/D 1.5795, ^{422b} 1.4456. ⁴⁰⁹

(EtO)₂CHCH₂SH, b₁₃ 59°, ¹⁸² b₁₂ 59–60°, b₃₀ 81°, ²⁰² b₁₇ 68–72°; n 25/D 1.4392. ³²⁵

ProcH₂CH₂SH, b.134–4.5°, 445 b₁₇ 48–50°, 174 b₄₀ 64–4.5°; d₂₀ 0.9227, 409 d 20/4 0.9222; 445 n 20/D 1.4478. 409

i-PrOCH₂CH₂SH, b₄₄ 56.1–6.4°; d₂₀ 0.9136; n 20/D 1.4424.⁴⁰⁹

BuOCH₂CH₂SH, b.156–7°, ⁴⁴⁵ 165–7°, b₁₉ 68–9°; d 20/4 0.9111, ³⁴⁴ 0.9161; ⁴⁴⁵ n 20/D 1.4488. ³⁴⁴

i-BuOCH₂CH₂SH, b₉ 45.2-5.5°; d₂₀ 0.9038; n 20/D 1.4444.409

 $i\text{-AmOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$, b_6 53.9–4.5°; d_{20} 0.9028; n 20/D 1.4489.409

HexOCH₂CH₂SH, b_{4.5} 103°; d₂₀ 0.8906; n 20/D 1.4556.409

c-HexOCH₂CH₂SH, b_{4.5} 73–3.5°; d₂₀ 0.9938; n 20/D 1.4864. 409 PhOCH₂CH₂SH, b₂₉ 134°; n 23/D 1.5597. 75

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HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SH, b<sub>1</sub> 78-80°.68
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EtOCH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂SH, b₂₀ 90°; n 20/D 1.4540.422b

EtOCH₂CH₂CH₂SH, b₂₀ 52-4°.369

BuOCMe₂CH₂SH, b_{4.5} 59-61°; n 20/D 1.4493.422b

AmOCMe₂CH₂SH, b₂ 58-9°; n 20/D 1.4543.422b

HexOCMe₂CH₂SH, b₂ 73-4°; n 20/D 1.4536.422b

HepOCMe₂CH₂SH, b₃ 86°; n 20/D 1.4551.422b

OctOCMe₂CH₂SH, b_{3.5} 98-102°; n 20/D 1.4548.422b

MeOCH₂CH₂CH:CHCH₂SH, b₇ 63-6°; d 20/4 0.9783; n 20/D 1.4775.³⁴⁷

EtOCH₂CH₂CH:CHCH₂SH, b₆ 70–1°; d 20/4 0.9530; n 20/D 1.4725.³⁴⁷

BuOCH₂CH₂CH:CHCH₂SH, b₁₁ 107–10°; d 20/4 0.9232; n 20/D 1.4675.³⁴⁷

MeOCH₂CH (SH) CH₂SH, b_1 68°, 336 b_6 63-5°; 331, 422a d 25/4 1.1102; n 25.5/D 1.5178.331

EtOCH₂CH(SH)CH₂SH, b₆ 75–7°; d 25/4 1.0692; n 25/D 1.5049.³³¹

i-PrOCH₂CH (SH) CH₂SH, b_{5.5} 75–6°; d 25/4 1.0249; n 25/D 1.4930.³³¹

BuOCH₂CH (SH) CH₂SH, b_{0.5} 62°; d 25/4 1.0181; n 25/D 1.4958.³³¹

HOCH₂CH (OH) CH₂OCH₂CH (SH) CH₂SH, b_{0.02} 155°; n 15/D 1.5390; tetraAc., b_{0.001} 169–74°; n 17/D 1.5035.¹²⁶

 $MeOCH_2CH(OMe)CH_2OCH_2CH(SH)CH_2SH$, $b_{0.0001}$ 95°; n 25/D 1.4995; diAc., $b_{0.001}$ 120°; n 20/D 1.5040.299a

 $(HOCH_2)_2 CHOCH_2 CH (SH) CH_2 SH, \quad b_{0.005} \quad 150-1^\circ; \quad n \quad 22/D \\ 1.5445; \; tetraAc., \; b_{0.003} \quad 175-6^\circ; \; n \quad 18/D \quad 1.5017.^{126}$

MeOCH₂CH (OH) CH (SH) CH₂SH, $b_{1.5}$ 82°; n 15/D 1.5100; diAc., $b_{0.5}$ 110°; n 20/D 1.5098.^{299a}

 $\begin{array}{lll} MeOCH_2CH\,(OMe)\,CH\,(OMe)\,CH\,(SH)\,CH_2SH, & b_{0.0001} & 75\,^\circ; & n \\ 20/D\ 1.5020\,; \, diAc., \, b_{0.0001}\ 90-7\,^\circ; & n \ 22/D\ 1.5045.^{299a} \end{array}$

 $O(CHMeCH_2SH)_2$, $b_{0.55}$ 52-4°; d 20/4 1.051.413

 $O(CH_2CH_2CH_2SH)_2$, $b_{12.7}$ 99–101°,²¹¹ $b_{0.12}$ 63–4°; d 20/4 1.053.⁴¹³

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O(CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_2SH)_2, b<sub>6</sub> 164–7°; d 25/4 1.1169; n 25/D 1.4981.353
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3,4-MeO(HO)C₆H₃CH₂CH₂CH₂SAc, b_{1.5} 180°.⁶⁵

o-MeOC₆H₄SH, b.219°. 157

m-MeOC₆H₄SH, b₄ 78°; n 20/D 1.5845.451

 $p\text{-MeOC}_6H_4SH$, b.227°, ¹⁵⁷ 227–9°, ⁴⁴⁷ b₅ 89–90°; d 25/4 1.1313; n 25/D 1.5801; ⁴⁴¹ Ac., m.100°. ⁴⁴⁷

o-EtOC₆H₄SH, b.227°. 157

 $p\text{-EtOC}_6H_4SH$, m.41°; ²⁵⁶ b.238°, ¹⁵⁷ 223–6°, ⁴⁴⁷ 275–7°; ²⁵⁶ Ac., m.41°; Bz., 106°. ⁴⁴⁷

 $2,5-MeOMeC_6H_3SH, b.245^{\circ}.^{157}$

 $p\text{-MeOC}_6H_4CH_2SH,\ b_{2.5}$ 89–94°; n25/D1.5660; $(O_2N)_2$ Bz., $m.102^{\circ}.^{265}$

 $O(C_6H_4SH-p)_2$, m.98°; diAc., m.68°.465

 $MeOC_6H_3(SH)_2-2,4, m.51^{\circ}.^{158}$

p-MeOC₆H₄SeH, Bz., m.97°.⁴⁴⁷ p-EtOC₆H₄SeH, b₂₄ 156–8°; Bz., m.95°.⁴⁴⁷

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ClCH₂SH, Ac., b₂₂ 62-3°.50

Cl₃CSH, b₁₅ 125°.94

F₃CSH, b.-36.7°. 198

ClCH₂CH₂SH, b₁₃ 43°, b₂₅ 60°, ¹⁰⁷ b.125–6°, ^{34b} 93–108°; ⁴⁶⁹ d 0/4 1.218, ¹⁰⁷ 1.225, d 20/4 1.203, ^{34b} d 21/4 1.193; ¹⁰⁷ n 15/D 1.514, ¹⁰⁷ n 20/D 1.5289; ^{34b} Ac., b₄ 51°; d₂₀ 1.204. ⁶³

BrCH₂CH₂SH, b₂₈ 50-1°. 107

ICH₂CH₂SH, Ac., b₁₀ 97°; d 17/4 1.8195; n 17/D 1.5190.²²⁴

FCH₂CH₂SH, b_{225} 38.5°; d 25/4 1.082; n 25/D 1.4282; Ac., b_{100} 87°; d 25/4 1.4041; n 25/D 1.4525.¹²²

ClCHMeCH₂SH, b.125°, 414c 124–5°, 102a b₈₂ 60–2°; 432 d₂₀ 1.1062; 414c n 12/D 1.484, 102a n 20/D 1.4844, 432 1.4852; 414c Ac., b₉ 70–1°. 102a

BrCHMeCH₂SH, Ac., $b_{0.2}$ 45°; n 23/D 1.52.^{102a}

ClCH₂CH₂CH₂SH, b_{12} 52°, b_{760} 145.5°; d_{20} 1.1280; n 20/D 1.4930; Ac., b_{10} 83–4°; d 20/4 1.1589; n 20/D 1.4954.^{414b}

BrCH₂CH₂CH₂SH, b₁₂ 55-6°; Bz., b₁ 148-9°; d 25/4 1.4129; n 25/D 1.5950.²²⁹

 $ClCH_2CH(OH)CH_2SH$, $b_{1.3}$ 57°, 414b 60°; 414a d_{20} 1.2981; 414a . 414b

1.6190.^{299d}

2-HOC₆H₁₀SC₆H₁₀SH-2, b_{0.2} 150-60°. ^{200d}

n 20/D 1.5265,^{414b} 1.5257; ^{414a} Ac., b_{0.4} 94°; b₁ 100–1°; d₂₀ 1.2806; n 20/D 1.5186; β-Ac., b₁ 69–70°; d₂₀ 1.2308; n 20/D 1.4855; diAc., b_{0.9} 95°, b₁ 102–3°; d₂₀ 1.2328, 1.2330; n 20/D 1.4886, 1.4890.^{414b} ClCH₂CHClCH₂SH, b₂₀ 74–6°; n 15/D 1.5245; Ac., b₂₅ 122°; n 20/D 1.5155.^{102b} ClCH₂CH₂CH(SH)CH₂SH, b_{0.0001} 92°; n 15/D 1.5392.^{299d} ClCH₂CH₂CH₃CH₄SH, b₁₂₀ 7° 107

ClCH₂CH₂SCH₂CH₂SH, b₂₀ 120–7°. ¹⁰⁷ 2-ClC₅H₈SH, chlorocyclopentanethiol; trans, b₁₂ 60–1.5°. ⁴⁶⁸ Cl₅C₆SH, m.248°. ⁴⁴⁸

SULFIDE-MERCAPTANS

EtSCH₂SH, b₁₆ 64–6°.⁵¹
MeSCH₂CH₂SH, b₁₅ 57–61°,¹⁷⁴ b₄₀ 82°.²⁹⁷
EtSCH₂CH₂SH, b_{0.6} 37°,³⁵⁸ b₅₀ 93°,²⁵⁵ b.188°.¹⁰⁸
PrSCH₂CH₂SH, b₁₁ 75–7°.¹⁷⁴
BuSCH₂CH₂SH, b₁₀ 90–2°.¹⁷⁴
AmSCH₂CH₂SH, b₅ 105°.²⁹⁷
EtSCH₂CHMeSH, b_{0.8} 68–70°.³⁵⁸
EtSCH₂CH₂SCH₂CH₂SH, b_{0.6} 103–5°.³⁵⁸
EtSCH₂CHMeSCHMeCH₂SH, b_{0.6} 102–10°.³⁵⁸
2-BuSC₆H₁₀SH, b_{2.5} 109–11°; n 20/D 1.5234.^{422b}
2-AmSC₆H₁₀SH, b₃ 130–3°; n 20/D 1.5186.^{422b}
2-HexSC₆H₁₀SH, b₃ 141–4°; n 20/D 1.5113.^{422b}

S(CH₂CH₂SH)₂, m.-11°,²⁹⁶ -12.5°; ²⁹⁸ b₅ 102-2.5°,³⁵² b₁₀ 135-6°,²⁹⁸ b₁₃ 138°,²⁹⁶ b₁₈ 135-7°; ¹⁹¹ d 20/4 1.1908,²⁹⁶ d 25/4 1.1797; ³⁵² p-nitrobenzoate m.119.4°.³⁶⁰ (•CH₂SCH₂CH₂SH)₂, m.46°,¹⁹¹ 15-7°; b₁₀ 168-72°.²⁹⁸ S(CH₂CH₂CH₂SH)₂, m.-8°; b₆ 138-40°; d 0/4 1.1612, d 25/4 1.1456; n 20/D 1.5740.²⁹⁸ S(CH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂SH)₂, b₈ 182-5°.²⁹⁸ CH₂(CH₂SCH₂CH₂SH)₂, b₈ 189-90°.³⁵² O₂S(CH₂CH₂SCH₂CH₂SH)₂, m.81°.³⁵² p,p'-HSC₆H₄SCH₂CH₂SH, m.114°; diAc., m.65°.⁴⁶⁶ HOCH₂CH₂SCH₂CH₂SH, b_{0.5} 106°; n 19/D 1.5622; OAc., b_{0.5} 98-100°; n 15/D 1.5629; SAc., b_{0.4} 108-10°; n 20/D 1.5338.^{299d} HOCH₂CH (SH) CH₂SCH₂CH (SH) CH₂SH, b_{0.001} 150-6°; n 15/D

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 $HSCH_2CH_2CHO$, Ac., b_{11} 89°; n 25/D 1.4887; 472 b_1 66–70°; n 20/D 1.5079. 65

HSCH₂CHMeCHO, Ac., b₂ 65°; n 25/D 1.4831.472

HSCHMeCH₂CHO, Ac., b₂ 59-60°; n 20/D 1.5025.65

HSCHPhCH₂CHO, m.44°; b₁ 115-7°.65

HSCH₂COMe, two forms m.82° and 109–11°,⁴⁰³ 109–11°,²⁰⁸ 105–11°,³¹⁶ 109°; ²²⁵ Ac., b₂ 130–40°; ³¹⁶ Bz., m.8°; b_{0.05} 90–100°.²⁰⁸ Me₂CHCH(SH)COMe, b₅₆ 60°.¹³⁹

 $HSCMe_2CH_2COMe$, b_6 84-6°,65 b_{12} 55°; semicarbazone, m.160°.9 $HSCHPhCH_2COMe$, m.68°.65

HSCH (CHMe₂) CH₂CH₂COMe, m.69°; Ac., b₁₀ 134°.²⁸

HSCH₂COC₆H₁₃, m.44°.²²⁵

p-PhC₆H₄COCH₂SH, m.109°.¹⁷⁷

PhCOCHPhSH, m.42-4°; Bz., m.112°.402

m-MeCOC₆H₄SH, b₁₁ 137°; Bz., b₁₁ 135-6°. 406

 $p ext{-MeCOC}_6H_4SH$, m. 28.5° ; 200 b₁₁ 142° , 406 b_{2.5} 110° ; n 25/D 1.6181; 451 Bz., m.50°. 406

 $4,3-MeCO(MeO)C_6H_3SH, m.80^{\circ}.^{200}$

HSCH₂COCH₂SH, m.86°; b₁₄ 95°.403

 $MeCOC_6H_3(SH)_2-2,4$, m.215°.364

 $MeCOC_6H_3(SH)_2-3.5$, m.128°.364

PhCOCH:C(SH)₂, m.64°.²³¹

p-MeOC₆H₄COCH:C(SH)₂, m.85°; Bz., m.125°.²³²

(p-HSC₆H₄)₂CO, m.165°.448

AMINO-MERCAPTANS

CH₂(CH₂CH₂)₂NCH₂SH, m.12.5–15°; HCl, m.195–205°.⁴² O(CH₂CH₂)₂NCH₂SH, m.86–8°.⁴²

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{H}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SH}, \text{m}.100^{\circ}, ^{150}\,98.5^{\circ}, ^{54}\,98^{\circ}, ^{41}\,85^{\circ}; ^{197}\,\text{b}.130^{\circ}; ^{41}\,\text{HCl}, \\ \text{m}.70.7^{\circ}, ^{54}\,72^{\circ}; ^{149a}, ^{152}\,\text{picrate}, \text{m}.126^{\circ}; ^{150}\,\text{formyl}, \text{b}_{747}\,138^{\circ}; ^{149b}\\ \text{NAc b}_7\,138-40^{\circ}; ^{19}\,\text{SAc.}, \text{HCl}, \text{m}.137^{\circ}; ^{487}\,\text{diAc.}, \text{m}.30^{\circ}, ^{197}\,28^{\circ}; \\ \text{b}_{0.00001}\,100^{\circ}, ^{18}\,\text{b}_1\,131-3^{\circ}, ^{197}\,\text{b}_{15}\,181-3^{\circ}; ^{19}\,\text{n}\,27/\text{D}\,1.5070. ^{197} \end{array}$

 ${\rm H_2NCH_2CHMeSH,\ m.65^{\circ};^{149b}\ b.158^{\circ};^{306}\ HCl,\ m.88;\ picrate,\ m.144^{\circ}.^{152}}$

H₂NCHMeCH₂SH, HCl, m.94°; picrate, m.193°.⁵²

H₂NCH₂CMe₂SH, HCl, m.203°.96

HepNHCH₂CH₂SH, b_{2.5} 70-1°; n 20/D 1.4703; Ac., b₄ 160-2°. decNHCH₂CH₂SH, b_{2.5} 141-3°. decNHCH₂CH₂SH, b_{2.5} 141-3°.

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PhNHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SH, b<sub>3</sub> 119°, ^{216, 359} b<sub>2.5</sub> 95–7°; n 20/D 1.6040; Ac., m.66°. ^{299a}
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o-MeC₆H₄NHCH₂CH₂SH, b₃ 116°. ²¹⁶

β-C₁₀H₇NHCH₂CH₂SH, b₃ 184°. ²¹⁶

BuNHCHMeCH₂SH, b₁ 40-2°.²¹⁶

c-HexNHCHMeCH₂SH, b₁ 66–8°. ²¹⁶

PhNHCHMeCH₂SH, b₁ 95°.²¹⁶

PhCH₂NHCHMeCH₂SH, b₁ 92-4°.²¹⁶

HeptNHCH₂CMe₂SH, b₂ 83–6°; n 15/D 1.4630; $^{421b, 422a}$ Ac., b_{2.5} 128–31; n 15/D 1.4800. 422a

DodecNHCH₂CMe₂SH, b₃ 138-41°. 422a

MeNHCHMeCHPhSH, m.48°.62

PhNHCH₂CH₂CH₂SH, b₁ 95°.³⁵⁹

Bu₂NCH₂CH₂SH, b₂ 73–4°, $^{216, 359}$ 74–5°, 422a b₂₆ 138°; 91 n 20/D 1.4635; HCl, m.123°. 422a

 $Am_2NCH_2CH_2SH$, $b_{2.5}$ 86–90°; n 20/D 1.4643; HCl, m.86°. 422n Hept₂NCH₂CH₂SH, b_2 127–8°; n 20/D 1.4660. 422n

Oct₂NCH₂CH₂SH, b₂ 146-8°; n 20/D 1.4658.422a

 $(CH_2)_5NCH_2CH_2SH$, $b_{1.5}$ 50–1°, 216 , 359 b_4 56–7°, b_9 70–2°, 299a b_{11} 85°; n 20/D 1.5015, 422a n 25/D 1.4995. 91

 $O(CH_2CH_2)_2NCH_2CH_2SH$, b_{12} 106°, b_{15} 100°; n 25/D 1.5030.91

2-Methylpyrrolidyl CH₂CH₂SH, b₁₁ 74–4.5°; n 25/D 1.4898.88, 90

2-Methylpiperidyl CH₂CH₂SH, b₁₄ 96.5–70°; n 25/D 1.4974.^{88, 90} MeDodecNCH₂CH₂SH, b_{2.5} 139–40°. 216 , 359

MePhNCH₂CH₂SH, b_{2.5} 116°.^{216, 359}

Me₂NCH₂CHMeSH, b.153-4°; MeCl, m. 92°; MeI, m. 145°.357

 $Am_2NCH_2CHMeSH$, b_2 86-7°; n 20/D 1.4634.422a

 $Et_2NCH_2CMe_2SH$, b_{52} 94–5°; n 15/D 1.4597.422a

 $\mathrm{Bu_2NCH_2CMe_2SH},\ b_2\ 89–90^{\circ};\ n\ 15/D\ 1.4748.^{422a}$

 $Am_2NCH_2CMe_2SH$, b_2 85–90°; n 15/D 1.4653; HCl, m.86°.^{422a} i-Am₂NCH₂CMe₂SH, b_2 83–6°; n 20/D 1.4677.^{422a}

Hept₂NCH₂CMe₂SH, b_{2.5} 124-6°.421b, 422a

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 $(CH_2)_5NCH_2CMe_2SH$, $b_{1.5}$ 53–6°, 421b $b_{2.5}$ 47°; n 20/D 1.4840, 422a 1.4848; 421b HCl, m. 199°. 422a

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3-Methylpiperidyl CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>2</sub>SH, b<sub>2</sub> 51–3°, ^{422a} b<sub>2.5</sub> 49–57°; ^{421b} n 20/D 1.4782.^{421b}, ^{422a}
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4-Ethylpiperidyl CH₂CMe₂SH, b_{2.5} 74-6°; n 20/D 1.4894.^{421b}, 422a

 $O(CH_2CH_2)_2NCH_2CMe_2SH$, $b_{6.5}$ 81–2°; n 20/D 1.4886.422a

Me₂NCH₂CHPhSH, b₁ 80°.62

PhNHCH₂CH₂CH₂SH, b₁ 95°.359

Et₂NCH₂CH₂CH₂SH, b₁₅ 80°,²⁵⁰ b₂₆ 76–7.5°; d 20/4 0.8908; n 20/D 1.4668,¹⁷¹ n 25/D 1.4650; ²⁵⁰ HCl, m.76°,¹⁷¹

Bu₂NCH₂CH₂CH₂SH, b₂ 112°; n 25/D 1.4994.91

 $O(CH_2CH_2)_2NCH_2CH_2CH_2SH$, b_{11} 110–2°; n 25/D 1.4962; 88, 90 picrate, $m.130^{\circ}.90$

2-Methylpiperidyl CH₂CH₂CH₂SH, b₆ 95.5°; n 25/D 1.4950; picrate, m.116–8°.90

 $Me_2N(CH_2)_4SH$, b_{35} 84°. 305

 $Et_2N(CH_2)_4SH$, b_{15} 95-6°; n 20/D 1.4678.250

Et₂N(CH₂)₃CHMeSH, b₁₁ 94°; n 25/D 1.4630; picrate, m.62-5°.89

 $(CH_2)_5N(CH_2)_4SH$, b_{10} 93°; n 20/D 1.5000.250

H₂NCH₂CH(SH)CH₂SH, b₁ 65-75°,^{336, 343} 80°.^{433a}

 $MeN(CH_2CH_2SH)_2$, b_{11} 105–7°. 191

EtN(CH₂CH₂SH)₂, b₄ 108–9°. 191

PhN(CH₂CH₂SH)₂, b₂ 138–40°, 422a b_{2.5} 171°; 216 n 20/D 1.6248. 422a

BuN (CHMeCH₂SH)₂, $b_{0.5}$ 85–6°.²¹⁶

c-HexN (CHMeCH₂SH)₂, b₁ 127°. 216

 $HSCMe_2CH_2N(CH_2CH_2)_2NCH_2CMe_2SH, m.127-31^{\circ}.^{421b}$

N(CH₂CH₂SH)₃, b₇ 147°. 191

Bu₂NCH₂CH₂SCH₂CH₂SH, b₂ 129-30°. 216, 359

PhNHCH₂CH₂SCH₂CH₂SH, b_{2.5} 171°.²¹⁶

AROMATIC AMINO-MERCAPTANS

 $o\text{-NH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{SH}, \ b_6 \ 125\text{--}7^\circ.^{237}$

 $m-NH_2C_6H_4SH$, b_{16} 180–90°; diAc., $m.97^{\circ}.501$

 $p-NH_2C_6H_4SH$, m.46°,500 43–5°; 170 b₁₅ 140–5°,500 b₁₇ 143–6°; 170 NAc., m.163°.256

o-MeNHC₆H₄SH, b₁₈ 126-7°, b₃₀ 142-3°.²³⁵

o-PhNHC₆H₄SH, b₈ 174-5°.²³⁶

o-PhCH₂NHC₆H₄SH, m.37°; b₃₀ 179°.²³⁵

- o-HO₂CCH₂NHC₆H₄SH, m.132°.²³⁵
- $p-\text{Me}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{SH}, \text{m}.28.5^\circ; \text{b}.259-60^\circ,^{256}\text{b}_2 122^\circ.^{169}$
- 2,4-(H₂N)₂C₆H₃SH, triAc., m.245° decomposes.^{205b}
- 2,4-H₂N (O₂N) C₆H₃SH, m.183°; ¹⁴⁵ diAc., m.150°. ^{205a}
- $2,5-H_2N(O_2N)C_6H_3SH$, m.81°.93
- 2,4-H₂N(Br)C₆H₃SH, HCl, m.219°.²²
- 2,4-H₂N(Cl)C₆H₃SH, m.201.°248
- 2,4,5-H₂NCl(HO)C₆H₂SH, HCl, m.225°. 145
- 4-H₂NC₁₀H₆SH, m.93°; Ac., m.173°; diAc., m.152°.503
- 2-Mercaptopyridine, m.124°.458
- 3-Mercaptopyridine, m.77°.429
- 3-Mercaptomethylpyridine, b₁₃₋₅ 121°, b₁₇₋₈ 118-25°.471
- 2-(β-Mercaptoethyl) pyridine, $b_{7.0}$ 94°; Ac., $b_{1.0}$ 95–7°; n 25/D 1.5480.472
- 2-(β-Mercaptoethyl)-5-ethylpyridine, Ac., $b_{9.5}$ 131–6°; d 25/4 1.0664; n 25/D 1.5377.472
- 2-Mercapto-3,5-diiodopyridine, m.206.5°.240
- 4-Mercapto-3,5-diiodopyridine, m.205°.240
- 2-Mercaptoquinoline, m.174°.370
- 2-Mercapto-3-methylquinoline, m.253°.370
- 4-Mercaptoquinaldine, m.187°.370

MISCELLANEOUS MERCAPTANS

HSCH₂CH₂CN, b₁₅ 75°; d₂₀ 1.0696; n 20/D 1.4877; Ac., b₃ 94°; d₂₀ 1.1212; n 20/D 1.4912.⁹⁷ p-HSC₆H₄SO₃H, m.252°.³²¹

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Mercapto-Acids

A mercapto-acid is one in which the –SH is substituted for a hydrogen atom of the alkyl. Thus HSCH₂COOH is mercapto-acetic acid. However, this acid is commonly called thioglycolic acid and CH₃CH (SH) COOH is thiolactic, the prefix "thio" showing that the –SH group takes the place of –OH.

Thioglycolic Acid

Thioglycolic acid is found in the blood.³⁶² Thioglycolic and thiolactic acids are among the decomposition products of proteins ³⁶⁶ and thiolactic can be obtained by the hydrolysis of wool.⁴⁹⁵

Thioglycolic acid, HSCH₂COOH, was prepared by Carius from chloracetic acid and potassium hydrosulfide.^{104a} Its potassium, barium, lead, and silver salts were studied. It was obtained also as a by-product in the preparation of thiodiglycolic acid.⁵²⁸ The ethyl ester was prepared from ethyl chloracetate.⁶³⁶ Claus made the acid from thiourea.¹²⁴ This has been considered recently.¹⁵¹

The solution of potassium thioglycolate resulting from the reaction of chloracetic acid with potassium hydrosulfide may be concentrated and a large amount of alcohol added to get rid of other salts. The alcohol is evaporated and the thioglycolic acid set free with sulfuric acid and taken up in ether.^{344a} Or, the acid may be isolated as the sparingly soluble barium salt.³⁴⁵ A high yield is said to be obtained from mixing a 20% solution of chlora-436

cetic acid with double the calculated amount of a 15% potassium hydrosulfide solution: 345

CICH₉COOH + 2 KSH
$$\rightarrow$$
 HSCH₉COOK + HSH + KCI

The displaced hydrogen sulfide keeps down the potassium sulfide concentration. A 99% yield is claimed from freshly prepared so-dium hydrosulfide. The concentrations of the reactants and the reaction conditions affect the yield greatly.

More or less of the sulfide acid, S(CH₂COOH)₂, is obtained along with the thioglycolic by this reaction. To avoid this, it has been proposed to prepare the disulfide acid and reduce it: ^{231, 232, 299, 331, 368c, 369a}

2 CICH
$$_2$$
COOH + Na $_2$ S $_2$ \rightarrow (SCH $_2$ COOH) $_2$ + 2 NaCI (SCH $_2$ COOH) $_2$ + 2 H \rightarrow 2 HSCH $_2$ COOH

As sodium disulfide may contain some of the monosulfide, sodium tri- or tetra-sulfide may be used. The reduction may be effected by zinc and acid, ^{231, 232, 299} or electrolytically. ^{368c, 369a} Thioglycolic acid may be made from a xanthate: ^{66a, 66b, 66c, 186, 231, 295a, 295c}

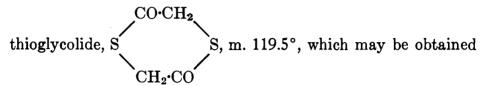
A thiocarbamate, from carbon oxysulfide and dimethylamine, may be caused to react with chloracetic acid: 332a

$$Me_2NCOSNa$$
 + $CICH_2COOH$ \rightarrow $Me_2NCO·SCH_2COOH$ + $NaCI$

Sodium thiosulfate has been used.^{105, 398} Detailed directions for the preparation from this material are given in a recent patent. A yield of 93% is claimed.^{138, 249.5} Thioglycolic acid can be obtained from thiocyanacetic acid.^{281, 306} Thiohydantoin heated with barium hydroxide gives the barium salt of thioglycolic acid.^{11a, 125} Similarly, nitrosothioglycolic acid is obtained from nitrosothiohydantoin ³⁹⁶ and the isonitroso from isonitroso-pseudothiohydantoin.¹⁷² Diphenylthiohydantoin with alcoholic potash,³⁸⁵ or phenyl mustard oil glycolid and barium hydroxide, give thioglycolic acid. It has been obtained by a series of reactions starting from sulfoacetic acid.⁵³⁹ A mixed anhydride, HSCH₂-CO·COCH(SH)₂, results from the treatment of glyoxalic acid with hydrogen sulfide in the presence of silver oxide.^{75d}

The pure acid may be obtained by vacuum distillation. At room temperature, self-condensation goes on slowly. A 98% acid

may lose 3 to 4% in a month. The rate of reaction depends on the amount of water present.⁴²⁵ It is customary to add 15% of water to retard the condensation. On long standing, the acid is converted into water and an insoluble polymer.⁴⁶⁷ When an indifferent gas is passed for several days through the acid kept at 120°, water is eliminated and a viscous liquid remains. Along with polymers, this contains a large proportion of the dimeric



by vacuum distillation. This is hydrolyzed rapidly by alkali to the acid, HSCH₂COSCH₂COOH, which is hydrolyzed slowly to thioglycolic acid.^{520b}

The corresponding seleno-acid, HSeCH₂COOH, has been obtained from the hydrolysis of the selenocyano-acid, HOOCCH₂-SeCN.⁴⁰

Thioglycolid, (*SCH₂CO*)_n has been described.³⁴⁵ The photochemical properties of thioglycolic acid have been studied.³⁴⁹

The salts of thioglycolic acid are of interest on account of their variety and of their therapeutic applications. As an acid, it forms salts and as a mercaptan, it forms mercaptides; a metal may be at either end or at both ends and different metals may be at the two ends. By use of these mixed salts, separation of some of the heavy metals may be effected. Many of its salts are known. 453

The first salts made were those of potassium, barium, lead and silver, ^{104a} but, as pointed out by Klason, the thioglycolic acid which Carius had was largely the sulfide-acid S(CH₂COOH)₂. ^{344a} These were followed by Hg(SCH₂COOH)₂, Hg(SCH₂COO)₂Ba, Hg(SCH₂COO)₂Hg, Hg₃(SCH₂COO)₆Al₂, Hg(SCH₂COO)₂Mn, Hg(SCH₂COO)₂Pb, Cd(SCH₂COO)₂Cd, AgSCH₂COOAg, Pb(SCH₂COO)₂Pb, –SCH₂COOBa·3H₂O (0.85 g. dissolves in 100 g. of water at 17°), As(SCH₂COOH)₃, Pt(SCH₂COOH)₂, ³⁴⁵ and the much used antimony salt, HOOC-CH₂SSbSCH₂COO-, ^{345, 477} NaOOCCH₂SSbSCH₂COO-·H₂O, Ba(OOCCH₂SSbSCH₂COO-)₂·2H₂O, ⁴⁶² MgSCH₂COO-, MnS-CH₂COO-, and As(SCH₂COONa)₃. ⁴⁷⁸ Stannic chloride and thioglycolic acid give the half-way salt, Cl₂Sn(SCH₂COOH)₂,

which hydrolyzes to (HO)₂Sn(SCH₂COOH)₂.^{296a} Such products have been recommended as additions to hydrocarbon lubricants. 199 The physiological effects of a number of salts were studied by Myers: 427 Bi(SCH₂COOH)₃, CuSCH₂COOH, RbS-CH₂COONa·2H₂O, AgSCH₂COONa, AuSCH₂COONa·H₂O, BeS-CH₂COONa. Cd (SCH₂COONa)₂·4H₂O. Hg(SCH₂COOH)₂, Tl(SCH₂COOH)₃, Ce (SCH₂COONa)₃, Pb(SCH₂COONa)₂:-2H₂O, V₂(SCH₂COONa)₃·2H₂O, As(SCH₂COONa)₃·H₂O, Sb-(SCH₂COO)₂Na, Mo(SCH₂COONa)₄, W(SCH₂COONa)₆·2H₂O, Ni (SCH₂COONa)₂·4H₂O, UO₂ (SCH₂COONa)₂·4H₂O, (SCH₂COONa)₂·6H₂O, Pt(SCH₂COOH)₄, and Zn(SCH₂COO-Na)2·H2O. The reaction of thioglycolic acid with mercuric chloride seems to go in two stages: 536c

$Hg(SCH_2COOH)_2 \rightarrow HOOCCH_2SHgSCH_2COOHgCI$

Polarographic studies have been made of the mercury salt.^{378.5a}, ^{562.5} Thioglycolic acid reduces stannic ions to stannous.⁵³⁸

A number of alkyl-mercury compounds, RHgSCH₂COOH, have been prepared.⁴⁸⁵ The methyl melts at 87°, the ethyl at 79°, the propyl at 73° and the butyl at 68°.^{339b}

Silver sodium thioglycolate, which is said to be valuable in treating diseases due to gonococci, can be prepared in several ways. 113, 265 The antimony-calcium salt, Sb₂ (SCH₂COO) 6Ca₃-3H₂O, is said to be a spirillocide.^{264a} The antimony sodium salt is active against trypanosomes. 115 Salts containing pentavalent antimony and an alkali metal are also spirillocides.^{264b} From the antimony compound, HOOCCH₂SSbSCH₂COO-, m. 202°, the sodium, ammonium, zinc, and magnesium salts have been prepared. 614 The sodium antimony salt has been used for schistosomiasis. 112 Its toxicity and pharmacological action have been studied.445 The corresponding bismuth sodium thioglycolate has been investigated.³⁷¹ It is said to have antisyphilitic activity ¹⁷⁹ and to check therapeutic malaria temporarily. 529 Its intramuscular absorption has been studied.⁵⁵³ It is not accumulated in the kidney of a rabbit sufficiently to show an x-ray picture.357 The bismuth calcium salt is said to be useful. 119 The lead sodium salt, Pb(SCH₂COONa)₂, has low toxicity.^{394b} Arsenic and antimony derivatives are components of certain medicinal preparations.230

Calcium, strontium, and magnesium aurothioglycolates are

suitable for use by injection.¹⁵⁵ The gold calcium salt is effective against arthritis in mice.^{488.} It inhibits cleavage of acetylcholine by cholinesterase.²³⁹ The preparation of the gold strontium salt has been described.^{160b} Auromercapto acids are prepared from auric salts in the presence of sulfur dioxide ⁵¹⁰ or of neutral sulfites.⁵⁰⁹

Two series of salts which are apparently derivatives of pentavalent antimony have been obtained. The acid in one of these is supposed to be Sb(SCH₂COOH)₅.^{316b} Complex ferrous salts are known.^{378.3, 378.5b}

Uranyl thioglycolate is yellow-green, doubly refractive, and soluble in 30 parts of water.³⁵⁵ The reaction of thioglycolic acid with cupric ions is characteristic. The product appears to be the cuprous mercaptide cupric salt, CuSCH₂COOCuOH·5H₂O.^{173b} The calcium salt, CaSCH₂COO-·3H₂O, loses water above 95°. Its solubility in 100 g. of water is 7 g. at 25° and 27 g. at 95°.³⁰⁶

Salts of thioglycolic acid are stabilized against oxidation by aliphatic diamines.^{340b} The pyridine salt of antimony ethylene mercaptide thioglycolic acid, (•CH₂S)₂SbSCH₂COOH, melts at 101°.¹²⁰ The absorption spectra of solutions of cobalt complexes of thioglycolic acid have been compared with those of cysteine.^{525a}

The ethyl ester of thioglycolic acid, HSCH2COOEt, is a true forms mercaptides, KSCH₂COOEt, mercaptan and Pb-(SCH₂COOEt)₂ AgSCH₂COOET, ClHgSCH₂COOEt, Hg-(SCH₂COOEt)₂, m. 56.5°,636 and Ni (SCH₂COOEt)₂, m. 101°.170 Antimony trioxide may be dissolved in the ester to form Sb(SCH₂COOEt)₃, an oil which has given favorable results as a trypanocide. 484 Other compounds, Bi(SCH₂COOEt)₃ and AgSCH₂COOEt, m. 77°, can be made similarly. 482 The gold, silver, and bismuth compounds of various esters have been claimed as therapeutic agents.⁵²⁴ The absorption and toxicity of the bismuth derivative of the ester have been studied.371 Triphenyl-bismuth and thioglycolic acid give a yellow powder.²⁵² The dipole moment of the octvl ester has been studied. 168.5

The antimony derivative of the ester can be converted into the amide: 484

 $Sb(SCH_2COOE_1)_3 + 3NH_3 = Sb(SCH_2CONH_2)_3 + 3EOH_3$

The antimony derivative of the amide melts at 139° ²⁶⁹ and the bismuth ³⁷¹ at 144.5°. ²⁶⁹ These derivatives can be made from

thioglycolic amide prepared from chloracetamide.⁵ Antimony thioglycolamide is effective in the treatment of bilharziasis and trypanosomiasis.⁵³² Gold mercaptides of the N-alkyl amides have been prepared.^{620b} The gold derivative of thioglycolanilid gives an intense purple color with selenium oxychloride.^{620a} The gold derivative of the o-hydroxyanilide is relatively nontoxic.³⁸² The copper, mercury, silver, and zinc salts of substituted anilides have been claimed as therapeutic agents.^{620.5}

The acid, MeEtAsSCH₂COOH, melts at 82°.627 An arylar-senious oxide reacts with thioglycolic acid ^{29c, 193, 256, 266, 446b} or its ester: ^{401, 446b, 551}

PhAsO
$$+$$
 2 HSCH $_2$ COOH \rightarrow PhAs(SCH $_2$ COOH) $_2$ 446b

The same compound can be made from phenyldichlorarsine: 339a

$${\tt PhAsCl}_2 \quad + \quad {\tt 2~HSCH}_2{\tt COOK} \quad \rightarrow \quad {\tt PhAs(SCH}_2{\tt COOH)}_2$$

An antimony derivative can be made similarly:

$$p-HOC_6H_4SbCl_2$$
 + 2 $HSCH_2COOK$ \rightarrow $p-HOC_6H_4Sb(SCH_2COOH)_2$ 340a

The compound, p-AcNHC₆H₄As(SCH₂COOH)₂, melts at 110°.¹²⁸ Aryl arsonic acids react with thioglycolic acid, its amide, or its esters to form thioarsenites, ArAs(SCH₂COOH)₂, ArAs-(SCH₂CONH₂)₂, or ArAs(SCH₂COOR)₂, which have definite melting points and may be used for the identification of these acids.^{29a} Aryl arsonic acid derivatives, free acids, ArAsO-(SCH₂COOH)₂, amides, ArAsO(SCH₂CONH₂)₂, and esters, ArAsO(SCH₂COOR)₂, have been prepared.^{29b, 30} Aryl arsonic acids may react with four, as well as with two, molecules of thioglycolic acid giving compounds of the type ArAs-(SCH₂COOH)₄.^{446a} The diphenylarsenic derivative, Ph₂AsSCH₂-COOH, is from the diphenylarsenious oxide, (Ph₂As)₂O.⁵⁷⁰

The Walden inversion in the formation of derivatives of thioglycolic acid has been investigated.³⁸¹

Thioglycolic acid is a true mercaptan. The reactions of its salts with chloracetic, bromoacetic, and iodoacetic acids have been studied extensively.^{194, 282a, 284} With ethylene bromide and with trimethylene bromide the acids, (•CH₂SCH₂COOH)₂ ⁴⁷⁰ and CH₂(CH₂SCH₂COOH)₂, are formed.⁴⁸¹ Sodium thioglycolate reacts with acetobromoglucose ³³⁴ and with phenacyl bromide.^{294b} Thioglycolic acid reacts quantitatively with chloracetic acid in the presence of alkali. Using a known amount and titrating the

excess with iodine serve to determine the chlorine.⁶⁰⁴ Compounds of the type RCONHCH₂SCH₂COOH can be prepared from N-chloromethyl amides.⁵⁵⁰

Thioglycolic acid is oxidised by iodine 66a, 344b or ferric chloride. 253, 344b, 641 Its oxidation by various salts has been studied 39, 535, 626a

The absorption of gaseous oxygen by a solution of this acid goes on slowly but steadily for several days. The rate is tripled by the presence of 0.000,001 mole per liter of a manganese salt.^{592a} The autooxidation causes weak luminescence which is stronger in the presence of the copper ion.^{303a} When oxygen is passed through a solution of thioglycolic acid, hydrogen peroxide is formed.⁵⁰⁸

In the presence of barium or sodium hydroxide, the oxidation is rapid, the speed depending on the concentration of the alkali. It does not stop at the disulfide. Oxalic acid is the chief product. Copper is an active catalyst.^{71, 519c} Iron and manganese ions are also.³⁷⁷ The rate of oxidation is not proportional to the concentration of the catalyst or to that of the thioglycolic acid.¹⁸⁹ The oxidation of the anilide is catalyzed by traces of selenium.⁶²

The oxidation-reduction potentials of thioglycolic and of thiolactic acids and the equilibrium:

$$(\cdot \text{SCH}_2 \text{COOH})_2 + 2 \text{ H} \iff 2 \text{ HSCH}_2 \text{COOH}$$

have been studied. S5a, 209, 249, 369b, 487a Recent determinations correct old values. With L-cystine, thioglycolic acid comes to a reversible equilibrium at the half-way point. The free energy change is practically zero. This applies not only to free cystine but also to the cystine units which link together protein chains. The keratin in wool is reduced by it. 190, 448, 519f Its salts are used extensively in hair-waving preparations 1, 337.5, 376, 418, 457.5, 517.5 and in depilatories. T6, 196, 197, 210, 212, 545, 599 There have been investigations of possible toxicity. T4.5, 102, 146, 256.5, 395, 423.5, 553.5 The triethanolamine salts of thioglycolic, thiolactic, and thioglyceric acids have been suggested for such uses. Thiolactic acid is coming into larger use. It is said to be less toxic. The theory of their use in hair waving is that the cystine linkages in the keratin of the hair are loosened by reduction to cysteine. After the hair is curled new cystine

linkages are formed by oxidation and the hair retains its set. Thioglycolic acid reduces glyotoxin to its sulfhydryl form ¹⁷⁷ and pyruvic acid to lactic.³³ A review has been written on the scope and content of patents relating to the use of mercaptans in hair waving.^{561.5}

In the body of a rabbit, thioglycolic acid is readily oxidised, much of the sulfur appearing as the sulfate ion.²⁸⁸ It decolorizes methylene blue ¹⁶⁵ and reduces nitrous acid to nitrogen.³⁹⁰ This may be analogous to what goes on in living tissues.⁵⁶²

In the presence of thioglycolic acid, linoleic acid takes up one atom of oxygen. As tests for carbonyl and hydroxyl groups are negative, the product must be of the ethylene oxide type. Formic acid is oxidised by air to carbon dioxide in the presence of thioglycolic acid and of iron, but not when only one of these is present. It has been suggested that mercaptan peroxides are concerned in respiration.⁵⁶⁸ The fact that thioglycolic acid is active only when a heavy-metal ion is present may indicate that the active agent is a mercaptide peroxide. It has been shown that lead mercaptides do form peroxides.⁴⁴² Thioglycolate salves have been suggested for skin disorders.^{354.5}

A nitrile, thioglycolic acid, and hydrogen chloride unite:

$${\tt RCN} \ + \ {\tt HSCH_2COOH} \ + \ {\tt HCI} \ \rightarrow \ {\tt RC(:NH \cdot HCI)SCH_2COOH}$$

These iminoester salts can serve to identify nitriles. Their decomposition points are only fairly distinctive, but they can be titrated as dibasic acids. If the boiling point of the nitrile has been determined, its identification is satisfactory. ^{130, 154} Iminoesters will be discussed again in the chapter on thioacids.

Thioglycolic acid adds to potassium cyanate:

Thioglycolic acid adds itself to many unsaturated compounds. The addition is so complete that it may be used for determining unsaturation in the same manner as iodine. Weighed amounts of an oil and the acid are mixed. After standing for a time, the excess of the reagent is back titrated with iodine. In a number of analyses the values found were one to three units higher than with iodine. There is no possibility of substitution as there is with iodine or bromine. The rates of addition of

thioglycolic acid to various olefins under different conditions have been measured in order to lay a basis for its use in the analysis of mixtures.³⁰⁴ This method seems worthy of further study. The fact that addition takes place with some unsaturates and not with others gives it a diagnostic value, particularly when used in conjunction with iodine. As thioglycolic acid is unstable, frequent standardization is required. There is the possibility that the addition may be influenced by traces of metals or by peroxides which may be present.

Thioglycolic acid has been added to an unsaturated higher alcohol under controlled conditions. 162, 308 It reacts quickly with styrene, in the presence of ascaridole, to form β-phenylethylthioglycolic acid, PhCH₂CH₂SCH₂COOH. In the presence of hydroquinone and in the absence of air there is no addition.342 The presence of a peroxide seems to be necessary, but the amount required is so small that the traces of peroxides, which are almost always present in organic compounds, are ample. When thioglycolic acid is poured into an equivalent amount of undecylenic acid, the mixture gets hot and, on cooling, sets to a solid mass of the addition product.467 Pale-crepe rubber, after being in contact with thioglycolic acid for 16 months, dissolved largely in aqueous sodium hydroxide. The addition of acid precipitated a substance in which the C₅H₈:HSCH₂COOH was 1:0.953.293c, 326 In another experiment, this ratio was 1:0.67.333 Butadiene copolymers are made more resistant to hydrocarbon solvents by the partial saturation of the double bonds with thioglycolic acid. 531 Thioglycolic acid and phenyl vinyl sulfone give the acid, PhSO₂CH₂CH₂CH₂COOH, m. 84°.214

Thioglycolic acid reacts readily with aldehydes and ketones to form mercaptals, RCH (SCH₂COOH)₂, and mercaptoles, RR'C (SCH₂COOH)₂.^{77, 294d, 296b, 299, 537, 561} The formation of these may serve to identify carbonyl compounds.^{475.5} Its esters react similarly.⁴²⁶ These products will be treated in the chapter on mercaptals and mercaptoles. The compound with glucose is particularly stable.^{296c} The anilide of thioglycolic acid forms hemiacetals with aldehydes.^{525e} The acid forms addition compounds with hydroascorbic acid,¹⁶⁸ with methylglyoxal,^{525d} and with quinone and naphthaquinone.²⁰⁶

Thioglycolic acid reacts with formic acid like a simple mer-

captan to form the trithio-orthoformate, HC(SCH₂COOH)₃, m. 173°.^{293a, 299. 307} The xanthate, KS·CS·SCH₂COOK, is formed with carbon disulfide and alkali.^{295b} Thioglycolic acid unites with cyanamide to form the isothiuronium complex, H₂N(HN:)-CSCH₂COOH, which goes into 2-imino-4-thiazolidone with the loss of a molecule of water.^{11b} With potassium thiocyanate the product is 2-thio-4-thiazolidone.²²⁷

Thioglycolic acid has been used in the study of cellulose ^{93, 300} and of lignin. ^{84, 224, 293e, 295e, 297, 474, 514, 515} With lignin it forms a product represented by the formula, C₄₀H₄₀O₁₂·nHSCH₂COOH, in which n varies between 3 and 4. ^{54, 296d} Some of the thioglycolic acid may be split off by methylation. ⁹ The 5-pseudocumylacetone isolated from crude wood spirit and the synthetic compound react with thioglycolic acid to form 5-pseudocumylmer-captolacetic acid, m. 146–8°. ^{293b} These investigations have been summarized by Holmberg. ^{296e}

Acetylthioglycolic acid, MeCOSCH₂COOH, may be made from the acid and acetyl chloride or from thioacetic acid and chloracetic acid.^{47, 621} Its acid chloride, MeCOSCH₂COCl, reacts with the sodium derivative of cyanacetic ester to give ethyl acetylthioglycolylcyanacetate, MeCOSCH₂COCH (CN)-COOEt, m. 71°.⁴⁷ The benzoate, PhCOSCH₂COOH, can be made from the acid and benzoyl chloride or from sodium thiobenzoate and chloracetic acid.^{294e} The trichloroacetyl derivative, Cl₃CCOSCH₂COOEt, has been used in a high-pressure lubricant.^{275.5}

Ethyl thioglycolate is obtained in 89% yield by refluxing a mixture of the acid, ethanol, sulfuric acid, and benzene under a Soxhlet containing magnesium sulfate.²⁶ The glycerol ester has been obtained by the aid of xylene to entrain the water.⁴⁵⁸ Polyvinyl alcohol can be esterified and the ester oxidised to the disulfide.⁴²⁰ The fresh ester is soluble in water, but becomes insoluble, due to the cross linking by –SS– from air oxidation.³⁶¹ The reaction product of linseed oil with glycerol is esterified with thioglycolic acid.⁴²⁰ Esters, HSCH₂COOR, in which the alkyl contains two to eight carbon atoms are claimed as constituents of high-pressure lubricants.⁶²⁸

The amide is made by the action of dry ammonia on an ester.^{345, 552} It was a by-product in the preparation of the sulfide, S(CH₂CONH₂)₂.⁵²⁸ The anilide has been prepared by

refluxing a mixture of the acid, aniline,^{283a} and benzene with water take-off.⁶⁰¹ Substituted anilides, which are used in color photography, are made from the acid chloride and substituted anilines.⁶²¹

Alkyl sulfides, RSCH₂CONHC₇H₇, have been made from the ortho, meta and para toluides, HSCH₂CONHC₇H₇.^{39a} Derivatives of this sort have been recommended for the identification of alkyl halides. They may be oxidised to sulfoxides by hydrogen peroxide.^{283a} In case the sulfide is an oil, the sulfoxide melting point may serve for identification. If both are solids, two melting points are available. These are sulfide-acid derivatives and the melting points are to be found in the pertinent chapter. The thionitrite, PhNHCOCH₂SNO, m. 160°, and a thiocarbamate, PhMeNCOCH₂SCONH₂, have been prepared.⁴⁷¹ A sulfonamide derivative, H₂NC₆H₄SO₂NHCOCH₂SH, has been patented.^{119.5}

Thioglycolic acid is desulfurized by Raney nickel to acetic acid.⁷⁹

With phosphorus trichloride, a cyclic compound is obtained: 16



Thioglycolic acid reacts in a curious way with tertiary alcohols:

$$Me_3COH + HSCH_2COOH \rightarrow Me_3CSCH_2COOH + H_2O$$

Many derivatives have been made from this sulfide acid.^{283b} Benzyl and α-phenylethyl alcohols react similarly. The products are the sulfide acids, PhCH₂SCH₂COOH ^{295d} and PhCHMeSCH₂-COOH.^{294c} From benzoin, the compound, PhCOCHPhSCH₂-COOH, is obtained ⁴¹ and also the stilbene, PhC (SCH₂COOH):-C (SCH₂COOH) Ph.⁵⁸⁵

Lactic acid is destroyed by oxygen in the presence of thioglycolic acid.³⁹⁷ The imidazole ring of histidine is broken by oxygen and this acid.^{302, 303b} It influences the oxidation of several compounds by hydrogen peroxide in the presence of iron.^{303b}, ^{626b} The catalysis of oxidation may be connected with the formation of complexes of thioglycolic acid with heavy metals, such as Co(SCH₂COO)₂KH, Co₂(SCH₂COO)₄KH₃, Co₂(SCH₂COO)₄-BaH₂, Co(SCH₂COOH)₂. The catalytic effect of copper on the oxidation of thioglycolic acid is stopped by hydrocyanic acid which forms a complex with the copper. Thioglycolic acid protects against cyanide ⁶¹³ and is antagonistic to carbon tetrachloride ⁹¹ and thiourea. It diminishes the damage to the liver of an animal on a fat diet. Thiomalic and thiolactic acids do not have this effect. The addition of sodium thioglycolate to an arsenical inhibits completely its effect on the virulence of trypanosomes. It neutralizes the bacteriostatic effect of mercuric chloride and counteracts the diuretic action of organic mercurials.

Aerobic and anaerobic oxidations of sulfhydryl compounds are catalyzed by dithioglycolic acid.^{272b} A peculiar kind of oxidation in washed acetone yeast is brought about by thioglycolic acid.^{410a} Iodoform is destroyed in the presence of it, or of thiolactic acid.^{592a} Thioglycolic acid, however, is recommended as an oxidation inhibitor for organic compounds in general and its sodium salt for amines.^{316a, 316c, 527} It is a stabilizer for solutions of quinine and quinoline derivatives ⁵²⁷ and for polysulfone resins.³¹⁷ It inhibits the oxidation of leuco-methylene blue.^{519a} It is useful as a modifying agent in the emulsion polymerization of chloroprene ^{176a} and or GRS.⁵⁴⁸ It inhibits the autooxidation of hydroquinone by tying up the quinone.³²⁰ Thioglycolic and β-mercaptopropionic acids desensitize photographic paper and emulsions.³⁴⁹

Methyl, ethyl, butyl, benzyl, phenyl, and naphthyl mercuric thioglycolic acids, RHgSCH₂COOH, inhibit the growth of tubercule bacillus at 1:500,000 dilution.¹²⁹ Cobra venom is detoxified by sodium thioglycolate or thiolactate.^{69, 70}

The gas gangrene group of anaerobes grows luxuriantly in a medium containing sodium thioglycolate. Such a medium is recommended for routine use in diagnostic bacteriology. Its presence seems to insure the proper oxidation-reduction equilibrium. It promotes the growth of *Bacterium tularense* less than cystine or cysteine.

The swelling of potato starch is affected by thioglycolic acid.³³⁶ The rest period of dormant potato tubers is broken by it.⁴¹⁴ Cell proliferation of root hairs and of chick embryos is stimulated by thioglycolates.²⁶⁷ Plant growth is accelerated.^{386, 589}

Glucolysis by propionic bacteria is favored by thioglycolic and thiolactic acids.¹¹¹ Thioglycolic acid inactivates the lactogenic hormone fifty times as strongly as cysteine.^{218, 219b} Its influence on artificial peroxidase,⁴³⁸ on the process of regeneration of *Padarke obscura*,⁴¹⁹ and on the activity of papain have been investigated.⁶¹ The addition of thioglycolic acid to atoxyl increases its efficiency in killing trypanosomes,²²⁹ but the opposite effect on arsphenamine has been reported.¹⁸⁰

Thioglycolic acid is antagonistic to vitamin C,⁶¹⁸ urease,³¹⁹ insulin,⁶³³ streptomycin,¹⁶⁷ and gonadtropins.^{219a} It inhibits autolysis ²³ and influences the respiration of baker's yeast.⁴⁸⁶ It may protect a virus against rapid aerobic inactivation.⁶⁴ The toxicity and repellancy of its esters to the larvae of flies has been investigated.³⁸⁸

Thioglycolic acid is useful in analytical chemistry as it forms colored complexes with metal ions.¹⁷¹ Iron can be detected and estimated by its use.335, 407 The color with ferric ions was first described as dark red,11a but this color has been shown to be due to the presence of ferrous ions. Ferric ions give a blue color which is stable in acid solution but is discharged by alkali. Ferrous ions give a purple color in alkali. Both ferrous and ferric ions can be estimated in the same solution down to 1 part in 10,-000,000.394a In the absence of air the addition of potassium hydroxide to a solution containing thioglycolic acid and ferrous ions gives a yellow precipitate. On further addition of alkali, this dissolves, giving a deep orange-red solution containing Fe(SCH₂COOK)₂.^{525b} In an ammoniacal solution the ferrous ion gives no color if air is excluded while the ferric ion gives a blue color due to the formation of Fe(SCH₂COONH₄)₃. This test is good for 0.13 gamma of iron or for 60 gamma of thioglycolic acid. 173a With isonitrosothioglycolic acid 3 gamma of iron can be detected, or 1 part in 7,000,000.172 Thioglycolic acid prevents the interference of iron in the estimation of aluminum.116, 310 Molybdenum can be determined photometrically by its aid. 409, 473, 630.5 Palladium solutions give a yellow spot test down to 0.05 gamma of the metal.351 Thioglycolic acid is recommended for the quantitative precipitation of metallic dryers from oils and varnishes.389

Thioglycolic acid gives a color reaction with a nitrite in acid solution 484.5, 592b and with a reagent containing basic fuchsin,

sulfuric acid, and formalin.⁵⁵⁴ Its presence can be proved by a combination of its reactions with phosphomolybdic acid and with mercuric chloride.^{536d} It can be titrated iodometrically.^{282b, 354, 369c} Methods for its potentiometric titration ^{497, 498} and for its determination in the presence of sulfites ^{92, 228a} have been given. With the aid of sodium 1,2-naphthoquinone-4-sulfonate, it can be estimated colorimetrically.^{228b} It can be determined by Folin's reagent, a phosphotungstic acid.^{306, 520a, 521, 536b, 536d} With the aid of sodium nitroprussate, it can be estimated spectrophotometrically.^{460,5} Thioglycolic acid catalyzes the decomposition of sodium azide by iodine.^{233b} By measuring the nitrogen evolved, it can be estimated down to 10 gamma.^{317,5}

Thioglycolic-β-naphthalide, HSCH₂CONHC₁₀H₇, sometimes called thionalid, is an excellent reagent for detecting metal ions. In 0.2 N acid, the limiting concentrations in gammas are: copper 0.1, silver 0.2, gold 0.4, mercury 0.06, tin 0.08, arsenic 0.01, antimony 0.02, bismuth 0.1, platinum 0.1 and palladium 0.1.^{55, 56, 57, 365, 549} It is recommended for the gravimetric estimation of osmium.⁷ The p-nitro ⁹⁶ and the p-acetamino derivatives of the anilide are also recommended for the detection of heavy metal ions.⁹⁷ The 2-hydroxy-5-nitro derivative serves for the colorimetric estimation of cobalt.⁹⁶ The preparation of this has been described.^{96,5}

Thiolactic Acid

Thiolactic, α-mercaptopropionic, acid was first prepared by Schacht from α-chloropropionic acid and potassium hydrosulfide. ⁵⁰² A 77% yield, free of sulfide acid, can be obtained by the xanthate method. ^{668, 66b} It has been prepared from thiosulfate. ³⁹⁸ The reaction of thioacetic acid with α-bromopropionic acid gives the thioacetate which is readily hydrolyzed. ²²¹ Thiolactic acid can be obtained by the reduction of the disulfide acid. ^{369a} It was by the careful reduction of the resolved disulfide acid that the active thiolactic acids have been prepared. ^{60, 391d}

α-Thiocyanopropionic acid, MeCH(SCN)COOH, can be reduced to thiolactic.^{222b} When hydrogen sulfide is passed into a solution of pyruvic acid, or into a solution of its silver salt, one of the final products is thiolactic acid. The thioketone, MeCSCOOH, is probably formed and then reduced.^{75b, 567} This has been verified by comparison of the product with one from

α-chloropropionic acid.^{75c} The trisulfide acid, HOOCCHMeS₃-CHMeCOOH, can be desulfurized by alkali ^{391c} or by sodium amalgam and later reduced.^{391d} The disulfide acid is not the only product of the desulfurization, but it can be isolated from the mixture.¹⁵³ Lactic acid has been distilled with phosphorus pentasulfide, but the results were indefinite.^{75a} The failure of this method of replacing OH by SH has been explained in Chapter 1.

Thiolactic acid is a minor product of the hydrolysis of proteins, though there is doubt that it is a primary one.^{233a, 360, 415b} Cystine hydrochloride heated in aqueous solution to 145° gives the disulfide acid, (•SCHMeCOOH)₂, which can be reduced.^{234, 415a} Thiolactic acid has been identified among the decomposition products of horn.⁵⁶⁷

Thiolactic acid mixes with water and is soluble in ether. It can be identified by its 3,5-dinitrobenzoyl 499 or benzyl derivative which melts at $76.5^{\circ}.^{234}$ It gives a transient blue color with ferric ions 217 and a blue-violet color with cupric ions. 217 , 415a It gives a red color with nitrous acid. 592b On boiling, it blackens lead acetate. 217 Two forms, α - and β -, have been distinguished. 360

The salts of thiolactic acid are similar to those of thioglycolic acid in that the metal may replace the hydrogen of either the mercaptan group or of the carboxyl and different metals may replace the two. The following salts are some of those that have been described. MeCH(SH)COOK, (MeCH(SH)COO)₂-Ba, Hg(SCHMeCOOH)₂, Hg(SCHMeCOO)₂Ba, AgSCHMeCOOH, Bi(SCHMeCOOH)₃, CuSCHMeCOOH.^{391a} The antimony salt, HOOCCHMeSSbSCHMeCOO-, is made by dissolving antimony trioxide in the acid.⁶¹⁴ The uranyl salt is greenish, microcrystalline, and soluble in 40 parts of water.³⁵⁵ The gold salt has been prepared.^{508, 523} This salt is physiologically active.⁴⁵⁴ Thiolactic acid is useful in determining iron in biological materials.⁵⁹⁵ The ethyl ester gives the cuprous mercaptide, CuSCHMeCOOEt.^{391a}

Thiolactic acid is oxidised by iodine or ferric chloride to the disulfide acid.^{391a} The rate of oxidation by hydrogen peroxide depends on the pH of the solution and is catalyzed by iron.^{519d} The oxidation by gaseous oxygen is similar to that of thioglycolic acid but slower.^{71, 519c, 592c} Oxidation to the sulfo-acid, MeCH (SO₃H) COOH, does not change the direction of the rotation.^{379a, 379b} It is oxidised to the sulfo-acid by permanganate.²²

The oxidation-reduction equilibrium between thiolactic acid and the disulfide acid has been calculated from free energies and ionization constants.⁷⁸ The rate of oxidation has been studied.⁷¹

Thiolactic acid is oxidised readily in the body of a rabbit, half of the sulfur appearing in the urine as the sulfate ion. Below 0.25 g. per kilo it is nontoxic.²⁸⁸ Like thioglycolic acid, it produces a peculiar sort of oxidation in washed acetone yeast.^{410a} It inhibits the autooxidation of bisulfite.²⁴⁸

It is esterified by ketene to S-acetyl-α-mercaptopropionic acid, MeCH (SAc) COOH.⁴³¹ It is desulfurized to lactic acid by sulfurase.²³⁸ One molecule of thiolactic acid reacts exothermically with one of pyruvic to give a crystalline compound.²³⁵

Experiments similar to those with thioglycolic acid have been made with thiolactic acid in the treatment of wood.^{293d}

β-Mercaptopropionic Acid

β-Mercaptopropionic acid, HSCH₂CH₂COOH, frequently called β-thiolactic acid, can be made by standard methods, from β-halopropionic acid with potassium hydrosulfide,^{391a} or better with the xanthate,^{66b} or with thiourea.^{25, 117, 416, 417} It has been obtained by the hydrolysis of the thiourethane, H₂NCOSCH₂-CH₂COOH,³⁶⁷ and of the thioacetate, MeCOSCH₂CH₂COOH, from the addition of thioacetic acid to acrylic acid.³⁰¹ Hydrogen sulfide,⁶⁰² or thioacetic acid,²²¹ may be added to methyl acrylate:

$$\begin{array}{lll} {\rm H_2S} & + & {\rm CH_2:CHCOOMe} & \rightarrow & {\rm HSCH_2CH_2COOMe} \\ {\rm MeCOSH} & + & {\rm CH_2:CHCOOMe} & \rightarrow & {\rm MeCOSCH_2CH_2COOMe} \end{array}$$

These can be hydrolyzed to the acid. A recent method is the reaction of β -propiolactone with a cold solution of sodium sulfide.^{255, 259}

The disulfide acid disproportionates when treated with a mercuric or silver salt: 459

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{\rm 3~(SCH_2CH_2COOH)_2}~+~{\rm 5~HgBr_2}~\rightarrow~{\rm 5~BrHgSCH_2CH_2COOH}~+~{\rm HO_3SCH_2CH_2COOH}
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When the acid is heated on a water bath with dilute hydrochloric acid, condensation takes place. The self-ester, HSCH₂-CH₂COSCH₂CH₂COOH, m. 46°, is one of the products.^{294f}

This acid is analogous to thioglycolic in being both a mercaptan and an acid and exhibiting the reactions of both. It forms mercaptides, such as $Hg(SCH_2CH_2COOH)_2$, salts such as $HSCH_2CH_2COONa$, and mercaptide salts in which the same or

different metals may be on the two ends. The arylarsenic mercaptides, p-MeCONHC₆H₄As (SCH₂CH₂COOH)₂, m. 147°, ¹²⁸ and p-Me₂NC₆H₄As (SCH₂CH₂COOH)₂, ^{339c} have been described. The gold mercaptide is known. ⁴¹⁶ The alkyl-mercury derivatives, RHgSCH₂COOH, are said to have value. ^{339b} The lead salt is considered to be cyclic. ³⁴⁶ The acid has been recommended for the absorptiometric determination of nickel. ^{375.5}

β-Mercaptopropionic acid is oxidised by ferric chloride or by iodine to the disulfide acid which melts at 155° and is useful for its identification.^{391a, 415a} The photochemical properties have been studied.³⁴⁹ The methyl ester, HSCH₂CH₂COOMe, and the silver mercaptide, AgSCH₂CH₂COOMe·AgNO₃·H₂O have been prepared.¹⁷⁰

β-Mercaptopropionic acid has some effect as an antidote for hydrocyanic acid.²⁷⁷ It increases the physiological activity of auroglutathionate.²⁰⁵ It prevents rancidity in edible oils.^{259.5} The free acid, its sodium salt, and its ethyl ester are catalysts for the condensation of phenol with ketones.³²³

Mercaptobutyric Acids

Mercapto acids have been made from α -bromo-*i*-butyric acid and from the three bromo derivatives of *n*-butyric acid by the usual reactions.^{39a, 66a, 169, 178, 301, 324, 368d, 391b, 392, 504, 511, 619 In addition, there are special methods for some of them.}

α-Mercaptoisobutyric acid has been obtained by the alkaline hydrolysis of 3-ethyl-5-dimethylthiazolidone-4.⁸³ It can be titrated with phenolphthalein,^{368b} but not with iodine in acetic acid solution. It is oxidised regularly by iodine in alkaline solution.^{519e} β-Mercaptoisobutyric acid is obtained by the saponification of the thioacetate, AcSCH₂CHMeCOOH, from the addition of thioacetic acid to methacrylic acid.^{223, 368d, 369d} Its methyl ester, HSCH₂CHMeCOOMe, can be prepared by adding hydrogen sulfide to the methacrylic ester.^{94, 95} The acid can be titrated with iodine.^{369d}

The ethylmercury salt of α-mercaptobutyric acid, EtHgSCH-EtCOOH, is water soluble.⁶¹⁵ The anilide is recommended for use in color photography.⁶²¹ Its gold derivative has been prepared ^{160b} and its toxicity to rats determined.^{160a}

β-Mercaptobutyric acid has been prepared by the addition of thioacetic acid to crotonic acid and hydrolysis of the thioace-

tate.³⁰¹ Its ester is formed by the addition of hydrogen sulfide to a crotonic ester.^{114.5} Its sodium salt is formed when sodium hydrosulfide and sodium crotonate are brought together.¹⁹⁵ The ethyl ester is obtained by hydrogenating acetoacetic ester in the presence of sulfur.^{203, 374}

γ-Chlorobutyronitrile reacts with potassium hydrosulfide to give the γ-thiolactone ⁶¹⁹ which can be converted to the acid or obtained from the acid. ³⁰¹ The same thiolactone is formed when butyrolactone is heated with hydrogen sulfide under pressure in the presence of a catalytic amount of sodium hydrosulfide. This works also with δ-valerolactone. ^{19.5} γ-Mercaptobutyric acid has been prepared by the addition of thioacetic acid to the butenoic acid, CH₂:CHCH₂COOH, and saponification of the thioacetate. ³⁰¹ Its.toxicity to men has been determined. ⁸¹ An ester of mercaptobutyric acid improves the drying rate and luster of lacquers. ²⁰

The rates of formation and of hydrolysis of thiolactones of mercaptobutyric acids and of higher acids of this class, including several dibasic acids, have been investigated. The delta lactones are hydrolyzed much more rapidly than the gamma.^{512c} A gamma or delta thiolactone is oxidised by halogens to the disulfide acid.²¹

Mercaptovaleric Acids

The mercaptovaleric acids may be prepared from the corresponding bromo-acids by either the sodium hydrosulfide or the thiourea method.^{178, 380, 391b} For several there are special methods.

β-Mercaptovaleric acid is obtained from the addition of thioacetic acid to propylideneacetic acid and the saponification of the thioacetate. ^{512b, 563a} Hydrogen sulfide was added to β , β-dimethylacrylic acid to get β-mercaptoisovaleric acid. ^{563a} Adding hydrogen sulfide to isopropylidenemalonic acid, Me₂C:C-(COOH)₂, and decarboxylating yields the same result. ²¹³

 γ -Valerolactone can be converted to the thiolactone with phosphorus pentasulfide. This hydrolyzed to the acid, HSCHMeCH₂-CH₂COOH.²³⁶ Some dithiolactone, b₁₅ 120°, is also formed. This condenses to

The same acid is obtained by the catalytic hydrogenation of levulinic acid in the presence of sulfur ^{204a} and also through a hexathiazole from allylmalonic acid and thiourea.³²⁵ It is the end product when thioacetic acid is added to hydrosorbic acid and the thioacetate hydrolyzed.^{512a, 512b}

One synthesis of δ -mercaptovaleric acid starts with the addition of thioacetic acid to allylacetic acid 512b or to allylamlonic acid. This acid forms a thiolactone. The same acid is obtained by hydrogenating δ -carbomethoxyvaleraldehyde in the presence of sulfur. The same treatment transforms γ -ketovaleric acid into the thiolactone. α -Mercapto- β -hydroxy-i-valeric acid has been reported. α -Mercapto- β -hydroxy-i-valeric acid has been reported.

Higher Mercapto-Acids

The general synthetic methods that have been used for the lower mercapto-acids are available. The xanthate method is highly recommended. ^{186, 205.5} A special method for the alpha acids is the hydrolysis of a pseudothiohydantoin, which can be made by condensing an α-bromoacid with thiourea ⁴⁸⁴ or an ester of such an acid with carbon disulfide. ⁵¹¹

γ-Mercaptocaproic acid and its thiolactone have been produced from hydrosorbic and thioacetic acids as starting materials. ^{512a} ε-Mercaptocaproic acid has been prepared from the bromo-acid and potassium hydrosulfide. ³¹⁸ γ-Mercapto-*i*-caproic acid has been obtained starting with unsymmetrical dimethylethylene sulfide. ⁵⁴⁷

α-Mercapto- β -phenylpropionic acid has been obtained by hydrolysis of the xanthate ⁶⁷ and β -mercapto- β -phenylpropionic acid by the reduction of β -mercapto- β -phenylacrylic acid.²⁰⁷

κ-Mercaptoundecylic acid has been prepared by the xanthate ^{36, 127} and thiourea methods ^{417, 464} and by reduction of the disulfide. ^{127, 186} This is oxidised during recrystallization to the disulfide acid. ¹²⁷ The arsenic derivative causes the rapid disappearance of trypanosomes from the blood stream. ¹²⁷

 α -Mercaptostearic acid has been prepared from the α -bromo acid and potassium hydrosulfide. 185

Mercaptoacids have been made from the addition products of thioacetic acid with unsaturated acids ^{316d} and by hydrogenating sulfurized unsaturated acids or by hydrogenating unsatu-

rated acids in the presence of sulfur and a sulfactive catalyst.³⁷⁵ Gold derivatives of these acids, suitable for therapeutic use, can be made directly from the isothiuronium salts.^{416, 417}

A mercapto-acid may be added to unsaturates containing more than six carbon atoms to produce foaming agents.²⁸⁵ An injection of the bismuth salt of butyl mercaptolaurate causes rapid disappearance of lesions.¹³ Salts of auro-mercapto-cyclo-pentyl-acetic acid are claimed as therapeutic agents.⁴²⁴ Triamyl-ammonium mercapto-stearate and similar salts are said to impart film strength to lubricating oils.³⁸⁷

Ethyl β-chlorolactate reacts with potassium hydrosulfide to give ethyl β-thioglycerate, HSCH₂·CH (OH)·COOEt. Saponification of this yields the free acid, a syrup which cannot be distilled, 2,4-dinitrophenyl derivative, m. 168°. The acid is oxidised by air to the disulfide acid, a thick gum.³⁵⁰ The oxidation-reduction potential has been compared with that of thioglycolic acid.²⁰⁹

Ethyl β -chloroisocrotonate and potassium hydrosulfide give ethyl β -mercaptocrotonate, MeC(SH):CHCOOEt.⁵⁰⁵ The iron, cuprous, and lead derivatives are characteristic. It can be methylated or acetylated. This is the thioenol form of thioacetoacetic ester ^{205.3} which is treated under thials and thiones. The methyl ester, MeC(SH):CHCOOMe, is known.⁵⁰⁶

Mercaptoelaidic and mercaptobrassidic acids have been obtained from dithiocyanostearic and dithiocyanobehenic acids. 494 α-Mercaptochaulmoogric, 100 5-mercaptomethylfuroic, 343 and 2-mercaptoethylamylbarbituric 541 acids have been prepared. The addition of hydrogen sulfide to croconic acid gives a gummy mass from which the lead salt, C₅H₃O₄SPb, has been isolated. 378

Mercaptopyruvic acid, $HSCH_2COCOOH$, has been prepared from the haloacid and ammonium hydrosulfide. Hydrogen sulfide is liberated when this is added to a fermenting sugar solution. Hydrogen-a-ketobutyric acid is prepared similarly half and is likewise decomposed by yeast. Hydrolysis of the condensation products of aldehydes with 2,4-thiazolidinedione gives substituted a-thiopyruvic acids, such as furylphenyl-, 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl- and 2-thienyl-a-thiopyruvic acids. Hydrolysis

Dimercapto-Acids

α-Chloroacrylic acid takes up one molecule of thioacetic acid to form the thiolacetate, AcSCH₂CHClCOOH.⁴⁵¹ Its ester reacts with two molecules giving the dithiolester, AcSCH₂CH(SAc)-COOMe.³⁷³ These thiolesters are readily saponified to the acid.^{198,449} The acid, HSCH₂CH(SH)COOH, prevents the inhibition of succinic oxidase by heavy metals.³⁴

β,β'-Dimercapto-i-butyric acid, (HSCH₂)₂CHCOOH, has been obtained by the reduction of the disulfide acid which has been isolated from asparagus. Desulfurization with Raney nickel gave i-butyric acid. The same bis-sulfide, (MeSCH₂)₂CHCOOH, was obtained by methylating the natural acid and by treating the diiodo-acid, (ICH₂)₂CHCOOH, with sodium methyl mercaptide.^{321, 322}

Dibasic Acids

Thiomalic, or mercaptosuccinic acid, HOOC·CH₂CH (SH)·-COOH, is obtained from bromosuccinic acid by potassium hydrosulfide ^{104b} or through the xanthate. ^{66a, 298, 479} By heating fumaric or maleic acid with thiourea and hydrolyzing the resulting thiohydantoin with barium hydroxide, the same acid is formed. ^{11c, 11d} The thiohydantoin-acetic acid is split into cyanamide and thiomalic acid: ⁵⁷¹

The addition of thioacetic acid to fumaric or to maleic acid gives the thioacetic ester, CH₃COSCH (COOH) CH₂COOH, which can be hydrolyzed to thiomalic acid.^{221, 301} Maleic anhydride may be used instead of the acid.⁸⁹ The sodium salt is formed by the addition of sodium hydrosulfide to sodium maleate.¹⁹⁵

The optically active thiomalic acids have been prepared.^{294a} Oxidation of the acid, or of its amide, does not change the direction of the rotation.^{379b} The structural relationships between the thiomalic and methylsuccinic acids have been investigated.^{222c}

The gold derivative can be prepared by heating the acid with

aurous cyanide. 598a Potassium 598b and sodium 156, 263, 383, 457, 551 aurothiomalates have been extensively studied as therapeutic agents. The sodium salt protects mice against experimental hemolytic streptococcal infection, 152 but does not cure it. 480 It has been used to combat arthritis. 73, 145, 225, 226, 274, 275, 460. It combats S. moniliformis.²⁸⁰ Its effects on animals and the amounts of gold deposited in the various organs have been determined. 73, 454 Its power is enhanced by the addition of sodium p-sulfamidobenzene aminomethylene sulfonate.404 Calcium auro-thiomalate has been used.^{73, 489b, 490} A diphenylarsenic derivative, Ph₂AsSCH (COOH) CH₂COOH, m. 136°, has been reported.⁵⁷⁰ Alkali metal salts of antimonio-thiomalic acid are said to have therapeutic value. 157, 441 The lithium antimony salt has been studied. 181, 364, 441 Cysteine counteracts the toxic effects of this salt without diminishing its trypanocidal action.³⁷⁰ Thiomalic acid is useful for detecting palladium by spot test.351

Spruce wood has been treated with thiomalic acid as with thioglycolic acid.^{293d}

α-Thio-β-methylmalic acid, HOOC·CH (SH)·CH (CH₃)·-COOH, results from the hydrolysis of thiohydantoin-α-propionic acid. The isomeric mercaptomethyl-succinic acid, HOOCCH-(CH₂SH)CH₂COOH, is known. Mercaptomaleic acid, HOOCC (SH):CHCOOH, has been prepared from bromomaleic acid. Thiocitromalic acid melts at 116 to 118°. Acetylthioitamalic acid, from the addition of thioacetic acid to itaconic acid is saponified to thioitamalic acid. Acid.

α-Mercaptoglutaric and α-mercaptoadipic acids have been prepared.²²¹ The intravenous toxicity to rabbits of mercaptoacetic acid is some ten times that of mercaptosuccinic or mercaptoadipic acid.^{151.5}

A mercapto-sulfo-succinic acid, HOOC·CH(SH)·CH(SO₃H)·-COOH, has been isolated from the reaction product of sodium thiosulfate and sulfuric acid on maleic acid.^{573, 574}

The addition of two molecules of thioacetic acid to acetylene dicarboxylic acid, followed by saponification, leads to dimercaptosuccinic acid. The toxicity has been compared with those of several other mercaptoacids. It gives definite protection against lewisite. $^{151.5}$ a, α -Dimercaptoacipic acid has been made

from dibromoadipic acid by the xanthate method. It can be oxidised to the cyclic disulfide, 222a

Aromatic Mercapto-Acids

Thiosalicylic acid, o-HSC₆H₄COOH, the most important of the aromatic mercapto-acids, has been prepared by the diazo reaction from anthranilic acid and sodium disulfide or xanthate. 166, 200a, 290 It can be made by the reduction of benzene-sulfinic acid with zinc and hydrochloric acid. The Kolbe synthesis has been adapted to its preparation. Sodium thiophenate and carbon dioxide, under 36 to 50 atmospheres pressure at 150 to 190°, give thiosalicylic acid. It is obtained from thiophenol, carbon tetrachloride, and potassium hydroxide by a sort of Reimer-Tiemann reaction. O-Chlorobenzoic acid reacts with sodium sulfide and excess alkali at 170° in the presence of copper or copper salts. The formation of thiosalicylic acid starting with thiophenol and butyl lithium is of theoretical interest. A white modification, melting at the same temperature as the ordinary yellow form, has been reported. 289, 543

The reactions, as would be expected, are a combination of those of benzoic acid and of thiophenol. Its metal derivatives react with alkyl halides ²⁸⁹ and with halo-acids such as iodo-acetic acid. ⁵⁴⁶ With an aryl halide, such as bromobenzene ^{403a} or o-chlorobenzoic acid, ^{403b} it is necessary to heat to 140 to 160° in the presence of copper powder. Condensation has been effected with α-chloroanthraquinone. ⁵¹³

Amides and anilides can be prepared.³⁰⁵ The phenyl ester can be made from the acid, phenol, and phosphorus oxychloride.^{403a}

which can be reduced back to the original acid with zinc.⁵⁴³ This will be discussed again under cyclic sulfides.

Thiosalicylic acid precipitates heavy metal ions 358 and has been recommended for the photometric estimation of iron in zinc and aluminum. 184

There has been much interest in the heavy metal derivatives of the salts and of the esters. 492 The gold salt, AuSC₆H₄COOK, 200b and the mercury salt, $Hg(SC_6H_4COOK)_2$, 491 have been de-Mixed antimony salts, ClSb(SC₆H₄COOH)₂ scribed. Cl₂SbSC₆H₄COOH, are known.^{347, 629.5} The arsenic salt. As (SC₆H₄COOH)₃,³⁴⁶ is a potent amebicide.²⁹¹ There is only one lead salt.35 The nickel salt has been prepared.168.5 The diphenylarsenic derivative, Ph₂AsSC₆H₄COOH, is known.⁵⁷⁰ The gold, silver, arsenic, antimony, and bismuth derivatives of its esters are claimed as therapeutic agents. 507a, 524 Methylmercury, 339b ethylmercury, 485 dodecylmercury, 485 and phenylmercury 518 derivatives, RHgSC₆H₄COOH, and the dicyclohexylgold compound, (C₆H₁₁)₂AuSC₆H₄COOH,³⁴¹ and their salts have been investigated. The triethyl lead salt has been prepared.²⁵¹ The ethylmercury salt, EtHgSC₆H₄COONa, is slowly transformed into EtHgSC₆H₄COOHgEt in the presence of air and sunlight.⁵⁷² Thiosalicylic acid replaces two of the phenyl groups of triphenylbismuth to form monophenylbismuth thiosalicylate. 252 It replaces one or more of the phenyl groups of the phenyl compounds of mercury, lead, tin, and bismuth to form salts.353

The 5-bromothiosalicylic acid has been made through the diazo acid from 5-bromoanthranilic acid.³⁵⁹ The 5-chlorothiosalicylic acid is obtained by reducing the disulfide which is produced by chlorinating thiosalicylic acid.²⁷³ The 4-amino-⁵⁵⁷ and 5-aminothiosalicylic ⁵⁵⁶ acids have been prepared. The ultraviolet spectrum of the former has been recorded.⁵⁵⁷ 4-Aminothiosalicylic acid has been made, starting with 4-nitroanthranilic acid.^{532.5} The 4-nitro acid, its ethyl ester, and its thioacetate are known.^{532.5}

m-Mercaptobenzoic acid, m-HSC₆H₄COOH, has been prepared through the diazo acid from m-aminobenzoic acid ^{530, 629} and by reduction of the sulfone chloride. ⁵⁴⁴ It forms mercaptide-salts similar to those of thiosalicylic acid. ⁶²⁹ p-Mercaptobenzoic acid, p-HSC₆H₄COOH, like the meta isomer, has been made by the diazo reaction ^{530, 590, 629} and by the reduction of the sulfone chloride. ^{80, 542} The acid, p-HSC₆H₄CH₂CH(NH₂)COOH, has

been obtained from the disulfide by reduction.^{188.5} 5-Mercaptosalicylic acid has been prepared by reducing the corresponding sulfone chloride with zinc and hydrochloric acid.⁵⁵⁹ When o-mercaptophenylacetic acid is treated with phosphorus pentoxide, thiooxindole is formed.²⁵⁴

Selenosalicylic acid and derivatives have been described.337

Amino-Mercapto-Acids

CYSTEINE, HSCH₂CH(NH₂)COOH

This is the simplest and also the most important of its class. It is the mercapto-acid corresponding to cystine, (SCH₂CH(NH₂)COOH)₂, one of the building blocks of the proteins. Cystine is so important that a whole book could be written on it. It seems best to leave it out of this volume rather than to treat it inadequately. Cysteine will be discussed briefly without any attempt at completeness.

As cystine is so abundant, its reduction is the obvious way to prepare cysteine. In fact the reduction of cystine to cysteine and the oxidation of this back to cystine by Baumann was an important step in the understanding of cystine.³⁷ He used tin and hydrochloric acid, a method that has been a favorite ever since.^{12, 507b, 599.5} The reduction can be done catalytically over palladium ⁵⁸ or by sodium in liquid ammonia.⁶⁰⁵ Cystine hydrochloride can be reduced by aluminum under certain conditions.⁴³⁶ Diformylcystine is reduced to formylcysteine by zinc.²⁴⁰ N-Methylcysteine is reduced by sodium in liquid ammonia to N-methylcysteine.⁷² N-Methylcysteine and N-i-propylcysteine are made from 4-carboxythiazolidines by reduction with sodium in liquid ammonia.^{135b}

Cysteine has been synthesized in a number of ways. One of the most direct is the addition of a thioacid to α-acylamino-acrylic acid, followed by hydrolysis: ^{46, 176b, 201, 202, 522}

AcSH
$$+$$
 $H_2C:C(NHAc)COOH \rightarrow AcSC $H_2CH(NHAc)COOH$ AcSC $H_3CH(NHAc)COOH \rightarrow HSC $H_3CH(NH_0)COOH$$$

Another method is the addition of benzyl mercaptan to α -chloro-acrylonitrile:

The chlorine is replaced by the amino group and the nitrile saponified.²⁶² The reason for using benzyl mercaptan is that the benzyl group can be split off by sodium in liquid ammonia: ⁴³⁵

 ${\tt PhCH}_2 {\tt SCH}_2 {\tt CH(NH}_2) {\tt COOH} \ + \ 2 \ {\tt H} \ \rightarrow \ {\tt PhCH}_3 \ + \ {\tt HSCH}_2 {\tt CH(NH}_2) {\tt COOH}$

Benzyl mercaptan may be added to hexylideneaminoacrylic acid.¹⁴² An earlier synthesis started with β-chloro-α-aminopropionic acid and barium sulfhydrate.²⁰⁸ In another synthesis an ester of benzoylserine was treated with phosphorus pentasulfide.^{191, 192} To account for its formation in plants, it has been assumed that mercaptoacetaldehyde, from formaldehyde and thioformaldehyde, might combine with hydrocyanic acid.²²⁰

Cysteine being both an acid and an amine exists as an inner salt and, as a salt, has a high and indefinite melting point. As it has three active groups it has the characteristic reactions of all three. Its conduct as an aminoacid need not be considered here. Its absorption spectrum has been compared to those of several other aminoacids.¹⁴

As a mercaptan it undergoes oxidation to cystine, the corresponding disulfide. The oxidation potential has been measured. 164, 247, 338, 631 The cystine-cysteine equilibrium is believed to be of great importance in many life processes. Cysteine is oxidised rapidly by atmospheric oxygen, but only within a narrow pH range around neutrality. As a positive or negative ion it is relatively stable.³⁹⁹ The autooxidation of specially purified cysteine is extremely slow.493 It is catalyzed by metals.616 Iron. copper, mercury, and arsenic favor the oxidation; lead, nickel, copper, uranium, thorium and cadmium oppose it. The presence. of an organic disulfide helps. 165 It is inhibited by hydrocyanic acid 1, 272a, 399, 593 and by some nitriles. 399, 593 Copper 38, 593 and iron 191, 271, 493, 593 are specially active. One tenth of a gamma of iron is effective.^{272a} The oxidation by hydrogen peroxide in hydrochloric acid solution goes at a measurable rate.⁵⁹⁴ It can be followed by the change in rotation. 519b The rate of oxidation by hydrogen peroxide at pH 2.1 in the presence of copper is proportional to the concentration of the copper and of the peroxide, but with iron it is proportional to the concentrations of the iron and of the cysteine. 455b In the oxidation by hydrogen peroxide in the presence of thiourea, dithioformamidine is supposed to be an intermediate. 455d Cysteine is oxidised by Folin's uric acid

reagent in neutral solution when copper ions are present.¹⁵ The oxidation by iodine may go all the way to cysteic acid.^{65, 536a} Oxidation by nitric acid gives isethionic acid.⁴³⁰

Cysteine forms complexes or salts with silver,600 lead,35 zinc,188 iron, 411, 525b cobalt, 85b, 413, 525a, 525c nickel, 85b copper, 455a arsenic,363 and diphenylarsenic.570 In alkaline solution, ketene acetylates both the mercapto and the amino groups of cysteine 431. 452, 456 or its ethyl ester. 118 An aldehyde reacts with the amino and the mercapto groups to form a thiazolidine.246, 286, Acetone acts similarly.637 The mercaptal, H₂C(SCH₂CH(NH₂)-COOH)2, is obtained from cysteine and methylene chloride in liquid ammonia. 603, 609 This has been proved to be identical with djenkolic acid 609 isolated from the djenkol bean.287 There has been disageement about the composition of the reaction product of cysteine with selenous acid.444, 555 It appears to be Se[SCH₂CH (NH₂)COOH]₂.³⁴⁸ Cysteine can be esterified in the usual way, with an alcohol and hydrogen chloride.461 It gives a color test with nitroprusside sensitive to 1 in 60,000 501 and a red color with nitrous acid, 592b but the most distinctive reaction is the one with sodium 1,2-naphthoquinone-4-sulfonate. 565 Cysteine can be added to an unsaturated lactone 110 and to phenyl vinyl sulfone.214 It has been used in the synthesis of peptides.342.5

The most curious thing about cysteine is the ease with which it is decomposed. Hydrogen sulfide is supposed to be lost from the enol form: 433

$$\mathsf{HSCH}_2\mathsf{C}(\mathsf{NH}_2) : \mathsf{C}(\mathsf{OH})_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathsf{CH}_2 : \mathsf{C}(\mathsf{NH}_2) \mathsf{COOH} \quad + \quad \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{S}(\mathsf{C}(\mathsf{NH}_2)) = \mathsf{COOH} \quad + \quad \mathsf$$

When cysteine is boiled in pure water, some hydrogen sulfide and ammonia are given off and cystine is formed. The reactions are complex.⁴⁸³ With alkaline plumbite solution, pyruvic acid is formed.¹²¹ Such a cleavage of a sulfur-carbon bond is quite unusual.⁵⁷⁷

Homologs and Analogs

Next to cysteine comes homocysteine, HSCH₂CH₂CH (NH₂)-COOH. The chief interest in this is its relation to methionine, its methyl derivative, MeSCH₂CH₂CH(NH₂)COOH. Refer to the section on methionine in the chapter on sulfide acids. Homocysteine can be prepared by the cleavage of the benzyl derivative, PhCH₂SCH₂CH₂CH(NH₂)COOH, by sodium in al-

cohol. Heated with an acid, it forms a thiolactone ⁴⁷⁵ which is opened by alkali. ⁶¹⁰ It adds to an unsaturated lactone. ¹¹⁰ The dissociation constant has been determined by electrometric titration. ^{487b} This can be done polarographically with the aid of cobalt ion. ⁵⁵⁸ Hydrogen sulfide is eliminated from it by certain enzymes. There has been much interest in its metabolism and utilization by animals in comparison with cystine and methionine. ^{82, 237, 476, 625}

The isomeric α -mercapto- γ -aminobutyric acid, $H_2NCH_2CH_2-CH(SH)COOH$, has been prepared by the hydrolysis of the phthalimino compound. Several other mercapto-amino-acids of this type have been prepared by methods more or less similar. Some of these are: β -methylcysteine, $HSCHMeCH(NH_2)$ -COOH, 106 , 108 β -ethylcysteine, $HSCHEtCH(NH_2)COOH$, 144 , 148 β -methyl- β -ethylcysteine, $HSCMeEtCH(NH_2)COOH$, 106 , 161 β -i-propylcysteine, $HSCH(CHMe_2)CH(NH_2)COOH$, 106 , 611 β -i-propylcysteine, $HSCH(CHMe_2)CH(NH_2)COOH$, 148 α -amino- γ -methyl- γ -mercaptovaleric acid 109 and ϵ -benzoylamino- α -mercaptocaproic acid. 258

The β,β -dimethylcysteine, known as penicillamine, is so important that a whole section will be devoted to it.

PENICILLAMINE



This is β , β -dimethylcysteine, or β -mercaptovaline. It is of interest from the fact that it is an important part of the penicillin molecule. For information beyond what can be given in this brief sketch, reference must be made to the massive volume on penicillin by H. T. Clarke and associates. This includes a history of penicillamine. 123

The first isolation was by the hydrolysis of barium penicillin by 0.1 N sulfuric acid. It was obtained as the mercury derivative. It was shown to be a primary amine containing a strong and a weak acid group. The first formula given was $C_6H_{11}O_4N$ as the presence of sulfur was not suspected and the oxygen was determined by difference.³ It has been isolated from other penicillin products.^{2, 135a, 158, 159, 260, 406, 450a, 634, 635}

Syntheses

The various syntheses of penicillamine are given in detail in the penicillin monograph ¹⁴⁸ to which reference should be made. The problem is to get the mercapto and amino groups into the proper position in isovaleric acid.

On paper, nothing could be simpler than the addition of hydrogen sulfide to α -amino- β , β -dimethylacrylic acid:

$${\rm H_2S} \quad + \quad {\rm Me_2C:C(NH_2)COOH} \quad \rightarrow \quad {\rm Me_2C(SH)CH(NH_2)COOH}$$

Some day, perhaps, it will be done directly instead of in roundabout ways as at present. As hydrogen sulfide is inconvenient to handle and does not add readily to unsaturates, benzyl mercaptan is used instead. This mercaptan is chosen since benzyl sulfides are cleaved readily by sodium in liquid ammonia: 10b, 98, 136, 137, 215, 331.5, 428, 429, 500, 563a, 564, 579, 584, 608

$$\mbox{RSCH}_2\mbox{Ph} \quad + \quad \mbox{2 H} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mbox{RSH} \quad + \quad \mbox{PhMe}$$

The amino group of the aminoacid is commonly acylated for its protection and this product converted to the oxazolone. It so happens that acetone condenses with hippuric acid: 2, 408b, 534a

This condenses to 2-phenyl-4-isopropylidine-5 (4) -oxazolone.^{408b, 422, 534a} One synthesis, of which there are numerous variations, starts with the addition of benzyl mercaptan to this oxazolone.^{2, 98, 140, 400, 408b, 428, 429, 500, 534a, 580, 581, 584.5} To avoid the odor, sodium benzyl thiosulfate may be substituted for the free mercaptan.⁸⁷ Mild hydrolysis of the addition compound gives N-benzoyl-S-benzyl-pl-penicillamine, from which the benzoyl group may be removed, leaving S-benzylpenicillamine which is then cleaved. α-Acetamino-β,β-dimethylacrylic acid may be substituted for the α-benzoylamino acid. This has the advantage that its oxazolone is more reactive.^{187, 563a, 564} It is claimed that it reacts with hydrogen sulfide.²⁴ The acetamino acid can be used without conversion to the oxazolone.^{563a, 564, 583, 584}

S-Benzylpenicillamine can be obtained by the addition of benzyl mercaptan to α -nitro- β , β -dimethylacrylic acid, or ester, and reduction of the nitro group. ^{10a, 10b, 136, 137, 597} The addition of thioacetic acid to α -acetylamino- β , β -dimethylacrylic acid gives

the thioacetate, $Me_2C(SAc)CH(NHAc)COOH$, which is converted to penicillamine by simple hydrolysis. Thioacetic acid may be added to α -nitro- β , β -dimethylacrylic ester which is then reduced and hydrolyzed. 563a

Conditions have been found under which hydrogen sulfide can be added to the oxazolone. This saves one step in the synthesis. 140, 148, 244, 439

An ester of α-amino-β,β-dimethylacrylic acid and carbon disulfide unite almost quantitatively to give the ester of 2-thio-4-carboxy-5,5-dimethylthiazolidine. The ester is hydrolyzed, the thiazolidine cleaved by reduction, and the acid isolated.^{51b, 68, 148, 278, 533} From suitably substituted thiazolidines, various N-substituted compounds can be prepared.^{148, 278}

The Strecker synthesis starts with the aldehyde, PhCH₂SC-Me₂CHO, to which hydrocyanic acid is added. The hydroxyl of the cyanhydrin, PhCH₂SCMe₂CH(OH)CN, is replaced by the amino group and the nitrile hydrolyzed. Finally the benzyl group is eliminated.^{148, 279, 582, 588}

REACTIONS

The reactions are those appropriate to the three active groups, carboxyl, amino, and sulfhydryl, though the activity of each is somewhat modified by the presence of the others. The reactions are practically the same as those of cysteine, though modified by the tertiary character of the sulfhydryl group. This reacts normally with methyl iodide 500 and other alkyl halides.

Oxidation to the disulfide is effected by iodine,^{2, 53, 99} hydrogen peroxide,⁵³ or air.^{2, 53, 439} There are two forms of the disulfide, melting at 212 to 215° and 169 to 171°.⁹⁹ The oxidation is less easy than that of cysteine.¹⁴⁸ There is the same difference between t-butyl mercaptan and n-butyl. Oxidation with bromine ^{2, 148, 450a} or hydrogen peroxide ¹⁴⁸ may give the sulfonic acid.

It is usual to tie up one or both of the other groups before esterification of the carboxyl. Introducing the formyl group takes care of the amino, 429 while the reaction with acetone inactivates both the amino and the sulfhydryl. 139. 622 The protecting groups are then eliminated from the esters. Esterification can be effected without protecting these groups. 329, 408a, 534b Penicillamine esters have antibacterial properties in vitro but the action is not related to that of penicillin. 90

In order to restrict the action of an acid chloride to the amino group, the sulfhydryl is blocked. S-Benzyl-N-caproylpenicillamine, m. 131°, is made by treating the S-benzyl derivative with caproyl chloride. Other acyl derivatives are made similarly. 45. 142

Penicillamine phenyl ureide is desulfurized by Raney nickel. 450a In the conversion of S-benzyl-L-penicillamine by "deuterized" Raney nickel to L-valine, the uptake of deuterium is 1.6 atoms. 328

A characteristic of penicillamine and of its esters is the condensation of an aldehyde, or a ketone,^{51a, 135b, 148, 587b} to form a 4-carboxy-5,5-dimethyl thiazolidine:

An acetal may be substituted for an aldehyde.^{52, 88, 135b, 140, 587b} Condensations have been effected with formaldehyde ^{315, 428, 429, 439, 563b, 624} and several other aldehydes.^{135b, 141, 421, 563b, 587b, 606} The 2,2,5,5-tetramethyl-4-carboxythiazolidine, often called isopropylidene penicillamine, from the condensation with acetone has been particularly useful in syntheses as mentioned under esterification.^{139, 622} Once the group has been put in, the acetone is hydrolyzed off, leaving the penicillamine with the desired substituent. The isopropylidene derivative is convenient for isolating and purifying penicillamine. It is hydrolyzed quantitatively by heating with water.^{2, 534a, 564, 587a, 630}

By starting with N-phenylacetylglutamic acid, N(N-phenylacetyl)-α-DL-glutamyl-D-penicillamine has been prepared.²⁷

The methyl ester of penicillamine condenses with carbon disulfide to the ester of 2-marcapto-5,5-dimethyl-2-thiazoline-4-carboxylic acid.¹³³ The ethyl ester condenses with thioacetamide to the ester of 2,5,5-trimethyl-4-carboxythiazoline.¹³²

Penicillamine enters into a variety of condensations.^{19, 28, 106, 107, 123, 131, 133, 134, 135a, 136, 137, 140, 149, 402, 421, 439, 450b, 534b, 563b, 563c, 564, 607a, 607b, 612, 638 Some of these have been used in attempts to synthesize penicillin.}

When S-benzylpenicillamine is heated with urea, it replaces one of the amino groups to give PhCH₂SCMe₂CH (NHCONH₂) - COOH.⁵⁷⁸

Penicillamine gives deep red-violet color with sodium nitroprusside in alkaline solution, and a bluish purple with ninhydrin.² Penicillamine is determined colorimetrically, using Nessler's reagent.¹⁵⁸ The formation of the mercury derivative with mercuric chloride has been important in the detection and isolation of penicillamine and of other penicillin compounds in which the sulfhydryl group is open.^{3, 148, 421, 423a, 450b, 634}

The resolution of the racemic synthetic penicillamine is accomplished by means of the alkaloid salts of the N-formyliso-propylidene derivative ^{174, 623} or of the N-formyl-S-benzyl derivative. ^{2, 148, 423b} The p-isomer is obtained by racemizing the derivative of the L-isomer and separating as an alkaloid salt. ^{175, 608} Natural penicillamine has the "unnatural" p-configuration as proved by the conversion of its phenylcarbamyl derivative to p-valine phenyl ureide by desulfurizing with Raney nickel. ^{450b}

The infrared spectra of penicillamine and the methyl esters of its N-acetyl derivative and of its N-acetyl-S-benzyl derivative have been recorded.⁵⁹¹ Crystallographic x-ray studies have been made of active and racemic penicillamine hydrochlorides and of several of their derivatives.¹⁵⁰ The pK values for the three ionizable groups are -CO₂H 1.8, -NH₂ 7 and -SH 10.5.²

Various compounds have been synthesized and considered as possible precursors in the biosynthesis of penicillin. The S-propylpenicillamine has been made by the addition of propyl mercaptan to the oxazolone as in the synthesis of S-benzylpenicillamine. α -Amino- β -mercapto- β , β -pentamethylenepropionic acid has been obtained by the hydrolysis of the corresponding thiazoline.

S-Benzylpenicillamine has been compared with a number of other aminoacids in a study of the enzymic synthesis of peptides.²¹⁶

The effects of the decomposition products of penicillamine on photographic emulsions have been studied.³⁵²

ERGOTHIONEINE

This is listed in *Chemical Abstracts as thioneine*. In this tautomeric form, it is a mercaptan, so it is placed here with mercapto acids.

It was first isolated from ergot of rye,⁵⁷⁵ 1 kg. of which yielded 0.65 g.¹⁸² It has been obtained from ergot of diss, a wild grass from East Algiers.⁵⁷⁶ Ergots of various plants have been examined for their ergothioneine content, which ranges from 0.157 to 0.531%. The average for ergot of barley is 0.376% and for that of rye 0.336%.³¹³

It was subsequently isolated from blood, but regarded as a new substance and given the name thiasine.^{48, 50, 312a} "Sympectothion" from pigs' blood was found to be the same.^{312b} Later the identity of the substance from these diverse sources was established.^{183, 432} Its presence in blood is general,^{31, 42, 261} the amount ranging from 3 to 12 mg. per 100 cc. of corpuscles.⁴⁹⁶ Directions for its isolation from either source have been given.³¹⁴ It is obtained as a copper compound.^{455c, 632}

A substance resembling ergothioneine has been isolated from urine. 566

When ergothioneine is boiled with aqueous potassium hydroxide, trimethylamine is evolved and β -2-thiolglyoxaline-4-acrylic acid is formed. This indicated the structure given before ³² and led to attempts at synthesis. ³¹ The synthesis has been accomplished in stages. The 2-mercapto derivative of desaminohistidine was put together by heating the hydrochloride of the aldehydoacid, OHCCH (NH₂) CH₂CH₂COOH, with ammonium thiocyanate. ⁶ Similar treatment of α , δ -diamino-ketovaleric acid gave the mercaptohistidine. ^{17, 163, 270} It remained to convert this to the betaine which was accomplished by methylating the amino group with methyl iodide and silver oxide, after protecting the mercapto group. ²⁷⁶

As an aminoacid it forms salts with either strong bases or strong acids. In the free state, it is an inner salt. As a mercaptan it forms mercaptides. The complexes containing mercury ¹⁸² or copper, ^{455c, 632} which have been useful for its isolation, may be considered as mercaptides.

As was mentioned before, trimethylamine is evolved when it is heated with alkali. Treatment with an acid gives hydrogen sulfide. 575

The temperature affects the uptake of iodine as it does with

cysteine.³⁹³ Electrometric titration shows the three groups, mercapto, amino, and carboxy.⁴⁷² The oxidation potential is 0.36 volts and the free energy 16,600 cal. compared to 0.32 and 14,800 for thiolhistidine.^{487a}

Ergothioneine shows no distinctive pharmacological action when administered to a rabbit or a cat.⁵⁶⁹

Tungstic, molybdic,⁴³ tungstomolybdic ⁴⁰ and iodobismuthous ^{372a} acids are used to precipitate ergothioneine from blood. The red color which ergothioneine gives with diazotized sulfanilic acid is useful for its estimation.^{311, 372a 372b} A micro method is based on the use of a ferricyanide.²¹¹ The sulfur may be converted to the sulfate ion by bromine.⁵⁹⁶ Ergothioneine is one of the compounds that catalyze the decomposition of sodium azide by iodine.^{233b} Ergothioneine may be detected in biological fluids and determined approximately by chromatographic methods.^{630, 640} Selective absorption bands in the ultraviolet ²⁹² may be used for its detection.⁵⁴⁰

Physical Properties of Mercaptoacids

The physical properties of a number of mercaptoacids are brought together in the following pages. Reference should be made to the remarks in the introduction to similar data in Chapter 1.

The atomic refraction of sulfur in the mercapto acids is 7.71 and appears to be independent of the relation of the sulfhydryl group to the carboxyl group. In the acetyl derivatives, the value is 8.44 and in the lactones, 8.13.^{512b} The molecular diamagnetic susceptibility of thioglycolic acid is 49.96 compared with the calculated 50.25.¹²⁶ Its Raman spectrum shows a strong continuous background with strongest lines at 814 and 1409.⁵⁸⁶ The optical properties of several of these acids have been investigated by Levene and Mikeska.^{379a, 379b, 379c} The dissociations have been measured by Ostwald and several others.^{101, 368a, 440, 617} The specific heats from 85 to 300°K and entropies have been measured for L-cysteine and β-thiolactic acid.³⁰⁹

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 1.3253; 345 K₁ 4 \times $^{10^{-4}}$, K₂ 1 \times $^{10^{-10}}$; 101 K₁ $^{2.1}$ \times $^{10^{-4}}$, K₂ 2 \times $^{10^{-11}}$; 368a K 0.0225.440

Me, b₁₆ 49–51°.⁵⁵²
Et, b₁₇ 55°,³⁴⁵ b₂₀ 63°; ²⁶
d₁₅ 1.0964.⁸⁴⁵ *i*-Pr, b₁₀ 51°.⁴²⁶
Bu, b₂ 63–6°.⁴²⁶ *i*-Bu, b₈ 60°.⁴²⁶
Hex, b₇ 103–5°.⁴²⁶

 $C_{10}H_{21}$, b_8 148–50°. 426 $C_{12}H_{25}$, b_3 170–1°. 426 $C_{14}H_{29}$, m.35°. 426 $C_{16}H_{33}$, m.44.5°. 426 $C_{18}H_{37}$, m.52.5°. 426 PhCH₂, b_3 121–3°. 426 PhCH₂CH₂, b_3 134°. 426 c-Hexyl, b_8 102–3°. 617.5

Amide, m.52°; ³⁴⁵ anilide m.114°, ^{525e} 110°; ^{283a} toluides: o-,m.85°; m-,m.153°; ^{39a} p-,m.126°; ^{38a}, ^{283a} anisidide, m.116°; phenetidide, m.117°; ^{39a} β -naphthalide, m.112°. ⁵⁷

Ac., $b_{2.5}$ 115–8°, 621 b_{13} 149–50°, ${}^{435.5}$ b_{17} 158–9°; 47 Bz., m.108°, 294e 106°; ${}^{244.5}$ trichloroacetyl, Et, b_2 122–3°. ${}^{275.5}$

HSCHMeCOOH, b₁₄ 99°,^{66b} b₁₆ 102°,²²¹ 95–100°,^{379a} b₁₉ 118–22°; ^{66a} n 16/D 1.4823; ²²¹ K₁ 2.0 × 10⁻⁴; K₂ 2.0 × 10⁻¹¹; ^{368a} L-, b₁₅ 99–101°; d_{19.2} 1.193; [α]–45.5; D-, 45.5°,^{391d} 49.9°; ^{332b} anilide, m.91°; ^{39a} Ac., b₁ 132–3°; ³⁴¹ Et, b₃ 55°; n 19/D 1.4625.²²¹

HSCMe₂COOH, m.47°; b₁₅ 102°; ^{66b} K₁ 1.26 \times 10⁻⁴; K₂ 0.48 \times 10⁻¹¹. ^{368a}

HSCHEtCOOH, b₁₆ 118–20°, ^{66a} b₂₂ 123–8°; ⁵¹¹ anilide, m.95°; ^{39a} toluides: o-,m.99°; m-,m.72°; p-,m.78°. ^{39b}

HSCEt₂COOH, m.28.5°; b₅ 113-7°; d₂₅ 1.0718; n 25/D 1.4768.^{205.5}

HSCHPrCOOH, b_{0.8} 84-5°; d 20/4 1.0938; n 20/D 1.4752.^{512b}

HSCHBuCOOH, b. 234°.434

 $\mathrm{HSCH}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6}\mathrm{H}_{13}\right)\mathrm{COOH},\ \mathrm{oil.^{186}}$

 $HSCH(C_7H_{15})COOH, m.33^\circ; b_{0.9} 140-5^{\circ}.5^{11}$

 $HSCH(C_8H_{17})COOH, m.47^{\circ}.^{186}$

HSCH (C₉H₁₉) COOH, m.50°; b₁₈ 165-6°.511

 $HSCH(C_{10}H_{21})COOH, m.59^{\circ}.^{186, 434}$

HSCH (C₁₂H₂₅)COOH, m.66°. 186, 434

HSCH (C₁₄H₂₉) COOH, m.73°. 186, 434

 $\mathrm{HSCH}\,(\mathrm{C}_{16}\mathrm{H}_{33})\,\mathrm{COOH}\,\,\mathrm{m.80}^{\circ},^{186,\ 434}\,\,74^{\circ},^{185}\,\,70.5^{\circ}.^{511}$

HSCH (CH₂Ph) COOH, m.46°; b₁₁₋₁₂ 184-7°.67

HSCH₂CH₂COOH, m.16.8°; 66b b₃ 85–6°, $^{255, 259, 301}$ b₅ 85°, 221 b₁₃ 117–22°, 25 b₄ 105–7°, 117 b₁₅ 111°; d_{20.8} 1.218, 66b d 20/4 1.2199; n 20/D 1.4921, 301 1.4910, 117 n 25/D 1.4918; 221 K₁

 0.46×10^{-4} , $K_2 2.9 \times 10^{-11}$; ^{368a} heat of combination constant pressure 54,500 cal.; entropy 25° 54.7, ΔF –82,220 cal.; ³⁰⁹ Me, b₁₃ 64–5°, ²⁵ b₁₄ 54–5°; ¹⁷⁰ n 19/D 1.4628; ¹⁷⁰ Et, b₂₀ 76–8°; ¹⁰³ Ac., m.52–4°; ³⁰¹, ^{435.5} b₃ 127–8°; ³⁰¹ Me, b₅ 68°; n 17/D–1.4773.²²¹

HSCHMeCH₂COOH, b_{2.5} 87–8°,³⁰¹ b₁₀ 111°,³²⁴ 116–8°,^{379c} b₂₀ 124–7°; ¹⁹⁵ d 20/4 1.1371; n 20/D 1.4782; ³⁰¹ [α] 20/D –41.05, Na, [α] 20/D –14.86; ^{379c} Me, b₁₂ 80°; ⁵⁰⁴ Et, b₅₀ 95–110°; ³⁷⁴ Bu, b₁₀ 110°; ^{114.5} anilide, m.91°; toluides: o-,m.99°; m-,m.72°; p-,m.75°; ^{39b} Ac., b₃ 129–30°; d 20/4 1.1755; n 20/D 1.4902. ³⁰¹ HSCH₂CHMeCOOH, b₁₂ 120–2°; ^{369d} Ac., m.40.5; Me, b.103°.²²⁸ HSCHEtCH₂COOH, b₄ 108–10°; d 20/4 1.1014; n 20/D 1.4784; Ac., m.43–5°; b₂ 133–4°. ^{512b}

<code>HSCMe_2CH_2COOH</code>, m.38°, 563a 35°; b_{10} 112–5°, 213 b_{12} 118–20°; Ac., b_{14} 145–8°. 563a

HSCHPhCH₂COOH, m.112.5°; ^{207, 801} Ac., m.96°. ³⁰¹

HSCH₂CH₂COOH, b_{2.5} 103°; d 20/4 1.1630; n 20/D 1.4912; Ac., b₃ 138.5-9°; d 20/4 1.1864; n 20/D 1.4949; ³⁰¹ lactone, b₂₀ 90-2°. ^{19.5}

HSCHMeCH₂CH₂COOH, b_{0.05} 90–1°; d 20/4 1.1020; n 20/D 1.4802; ^{512b} ureide, m.186°; ³²⁵ lactone, b₈ 85–6°, b.214–6°; d 20/4 1.0975; n 20/D 1.5028; Ac., b₃ 133–4°; d 20/4 1.1394; n 20/D 1.4880. ^{512b}

HSCMe₂CH₂CH₂COOH, b₁₀ 110°.547

HSCHEtCH₂CH₂COOH, lactone, b₈ 100-1°. 512a

 $\rm HS(CH_2)_4COOH~m.25^\circ;~b_{0.8}~110-2^\circ;~d~20/4~1.1195;~n~20/D~1.4882;^{512a}~lactone~b_{25}~150-2^\circ,^{19.5}~b_{12}~106-7^\circ;^{512a,~512b}~d~20/4~1.1553;~n~20/D~1.5317;^{512a}~SAc.,~m.54^\circ.^{512b}$

HS(CH₂)₅COOH, b₁₃ 155-6°. 318

HS(CH₂)₁₀COOH, m.51°, 464 47°, 127 95°. 36

HSCH:CHCOOH, Ac., trans, m.150°; Me, trans, b_{0.5} 73°; m.84.5°; cis, m.58.5°.443

HSCMe: CHCOOH, Me, b₁₂ 68-9°; d 29.5/4 1.1124; n 20/D 1.5222; Et, b₁₈ 77°; d 29.5/4 1.0747; n 20/D 1.53749.⁵⁰⁶

HSCHPh:CHCOOH, m.110°.207

Mercaptoelaidic, Me, m.31°.494

Mercaptobrassidic, m.70°.494

HSCH₂CH (OH) COOEt, b₁₉ 113-5°; d 25/4 1.1745; n 25/D 1.4754.350

HSCH₂CHClCOOMe, Ac., b₁ 72°; n 25/D 1.4898.373, 449

HSCHMeCOCOOH, m.190°.^{447b}
PhO(CH₂)₃CH(SH)COOMe, b₁ 138–42°.²⁶
HSCH₂C(OH):C(CN)COOEt, Ac., m.71°.⁴⁷
ClC₆H₄O(CH₂)₃CH(SH)COOMe, b₁ 155–8°.²⁶

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(HSCH₂)₂CHCOOH, m.62°.321, 322

 $\begin{array}{c} {\rm HSCH_2CH\,(SH)\,COOH,\ m.74.5°;\ Me,\ b_{0.2}\ 40°;\ d\ 25/4\ 1.2294;} \\ {\rm n\ 25/D\ 1.5251;\ ^{373,\ 449}\ diAc.,\ b_{0.001}\ 83-4°;\ n\ 22/D\ 1.5201.^{443} \end{array}$

HSCH₂CH(SH)CH₂COOH, diAc., Et, b_1 147–8°; n 20/D 1.545; δ-mercapto- γ -valerothiolactone, $b_{0.2}$ 83–4°; n 17/D 1.5630.¹⁹⁸

 ${\rm HSCH_2CH\,(SH)\,CH_2OCH_2COOH,\ b_{0.0001}\ 150^\circ;\ n\ 23/D\ 1.5505;}$ ${\rm diAc.,\ b_{0.4}\ 147^\circ;\ n\ 10/D\ 1.5098.^{198}}$

 $HSCH_2CH_2CHSH(CH_2)_4COOH$, $b_{0.7}$ 161.5°; n 25/D 1.5233.466.5 $HSCH_2CH(SH)(CH_2)_8COOH$, $b_{0.2}$ 166–7°.449

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HSCH (COOH)₂, m.83°.512a

$$\begin{split} & \text{HSCH}\left(\text{COOH}\right)\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}, \text{m.}151^{\circ},^{221},^{294a},^{301}\ 150^{\circ},^{479},^{571}\ 148^{\circ},^{66a}\\ & 155^{\circ};^{195}\ \text{DL}\text{-,m.}150^{\circ};\ \text{L-,m.}153^{\circ};\ [\alpha]\ 17/\text{D--}75.8^{\circ};\ \text{p-,m.}153^{\circ};\\ & [\alpha]\ 17/\text{D}\ 76.1^{\circ};^{294a}\ \text{K}\ 0.0523;^{479}\ \text{p-amide-acid, m.}125^{\circ};\ [\alpha]\\ & 18/\text{D}\ 82.5;^{298}\ \text{Et, b}_{14}\ 63^{\circ},^{221}\ \text{b.}246^{\circ}\ \text{decomposes};^{479}\ \text{Ac.,}\\ & \text{m.}126^{\circ};^{330,\ 435.5}\ \text{anhy., m.}71-3^{\circ},^{301}\ 77^{\circ}.^{89} \end{split}$$

HSCMe(COOH)CH₂COOH, thiocitramalic, m.118°; ^{293d} Ac., m.123.5.³⁰¹

HSCH (COOH) CH₂CH₂COOH, α-mercaptoglutaric, m.97°; Ac., Et, b₁₅ 178-9°; n 20/D 1.4727.²²¹

HSCH₂CH(COOH)CH₂COOH, thioitamalic, m.108.5°; lactone, m.110°; Ac., m.91.5°.301

HSCH (COOH) (CH₂)₃COOH, α-mercaptoadipic, m.113°; 221 Me, b₁₈ 154–7°; 25 Ac., Et, b₁₂ 177°; n 17/D 1.4680. 221

HSCH (COOH) CH (SH) COOH, dimercaptosuccinic, m.192°; diAc., m.171-3°; Me, m.120°.443

HSCH (COOH) (CH₂) $_2$ CH (SH) COOH, α,α' -dimercaptoadipic, MESO, $\dot{m}.185^\circ$; D- or L-, $m.195^\circ$; DL, $m.112.5^\circ.^{222a}$

HSCMe₂CH (COOH)₂, m.137°; di Et, b₁ 90-3°.²¹³

HSCH₂(CH₂)₂CH(COOH)₂, m.82.3°; Ac., m.94.5°.512a

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o-HSC₆H₄COOH, m.165°, $^{289,\ 543}$ 168°, $^{336.5}$ 177°; 356 Me, b.242°, 243 b₁₋₂ 115-9°, $^{336.5}$ b₂ 98-100°; d 25/4 1.2191; n 25/D 1.5911; $^{205.3}$

- Ph, m.91°; 403a anilide, m.237°; toluide: o-,m.218°; p-,m.230°; o-aniside, m.157°; naphthamide, α ,m.248°; β ,m.168°. 305
- $m ext{-HSC}_6H_4COOH$, m.147°,⁵⁴⁴ 146°,^{336.5} 145°; ⁶²⁹ Me, b₁₁ 135–6°,⁵³⁰ 126–31°; Et, b₁₁ 147–9°.⁶²⁹
- $p\text{-HSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COOH}$, m.220°, 336.5 219°, 590. 629 217°; 80 Me, m.56°, 336.5 50°, 530 47°; b₁₁ 139-44°, 629 139-40°; 530 anilide, m.264°; β-naphthamide, m.283°. 305
- o-HSC₆H₄CH₂COOH, m.97°.²⁵⁴
- 2,5-HS (Me) C₆H₃COOH, m.82°.356
- 3,2-HSC₁₀H₆COOH, anilide, m.286°; toluide, o-,m.280°; p-,m. 277°; o-aniside, m.221°; α -naphthamide, m.307°.305
- 1,8-HSC₁₀H₆COOH, lactone, m.146°,305 145°.485
- 2,4-HS(Cl)C₆H₃COOH, m.196°.^{336.5}
- 2,5-HS(Cl)C₆H₃COOH, m.194°,^{336.5} 193°,²⁷³ 110°; ³⁵⁶ Me, m.45°,^{336.5}
- 2,3,5-HS(Cl₂)C₆H₂COOH, m.208°,^{577.5} 198°.^{336.5}
- 2,3,6-HS(Cl₂)C₆H₂COOH, m.122°.358
- 2,5-HS(Br)C₆H₃COOH, m.211°,^{336.5} 183°.³⁵⁹
- 2,3,5-HS(Br₂)C₆H₂COOH, m.222°; Me, m.89°.^{336.5}
- 4,2-HS(HO)C₆H₃COOH, m.205°.442.5
- 5,2-HS(HO)C₆H₃COOH, m.245°,359 152°.559
- 2,4-HS(NH₂)C₆H₃COOH, m.198°, $^{532.5}$ 197°; ^{4.5} HCl, m.220°; $^{532.5}$ Ac., m.299°, $^{532.5}$ 137°; ^{4.5} Et, m.198°, $^{532.5}$
- 2,5-HS(NH₂)C₆H₃COOH, m.204-9°; ⁵⁵⁶ Et, m.202°. ³⁵⁹
- 5,2-HS(NH₂)C₆H₅COOH, m.202°.359
- 2,4-HS (MeSO₂) C₆H₃COOH, m.181°.336.5
- $o ext{-HSeC}_6H_4COOMe$, b₃ 113-4°. 337

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